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# Insults fly in run-up to Maastricht

## Ripa di Meana accuses Major of intimidation

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JOHN Major was publicly rebuffed and accused of intimidation by a European commissioner yesterday, adding to the tension between Britain and her fellow EC members in the run-up to the Maastricht summit in six weeks' time.

Carlo Ripa di Meana, the environment commissioner, said the prime minister had made offensive and unjust accusations about an EC demand that Britain halt seven big building projects. He told the European Parliament that British protests had been unfounded and declared: "I will not allow myself to be intimidated."

Signor Ripa di Meana's attack will further hamper Mr Major's efforts to repair EC relations damaged by Margaret Thatcher's abrasive approach. Besides the building projects dispute, Britain is also in conflict with her partners over plans to impose a maximum 48-hour working week, mandatory rest days on Sundays and new proposals for maternity rights. Euro-sceptic Conservative MPs will seize on such differences to further their arguments against a closer-knit Europe, and such tensions can only add to the prime minister's difficulties in reaching agreement on new economic and political treaties in Maastricht.

Douglas Hurd yesterday reiterated his insistence that Britain would veto the treaties unless substantial concessions were made. "We want an agreement, but not at any price," the foreign secretary said. A final deal could only be struck if expectations were pitched at a realistic level, "with the grain of our differing national traditions".

John Major will fly to Bonn on Friday in an attempt to bridge the gap between Britain and Germany over the two intergovernmental conferences. A new Dutch draft on economic and monetary union, to be unveiled on Monday, is likely to cause Britain further problems and Mr Ma-

### Defenders fear the sack of Dubrovnik

By MICHAEL BRYNION, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

CROATIA'S defence of Dubrovnik was on the point of collapse last night as the Serbian-dominated federal army reached the outskirts of the ancient "Pearl of the Adriatic".

The fighting, in defiance of the local ceasefire demanded by European Community monitors, came after the breakdown of peace talks in The Hague. Lord Carrington, chairman of the EC mediation team, condemned the latest Serbian bombardments of Dubrovnik, which continued even as Franjo Tudjman, the Croat president and Slobodan Milosevic, his Serb counterpart, agreed to hold their first meeting since that in Moscow two weeks ago.

Officials in Zagreb said the Croat defenders had withdrawn to Gruz harbour, about 600 yards north of the old walled town. The city was left undefended and the terrified inhabitants feared it would be sacked.

Croat national guardsmen who escaped to Zagreb said money and weapons had been smuggled into Dubrovnik, but it was almost too late. Morale was low, the police had deserted their posts and the federal army was holding back only because it did not know how many defenders were left.

The army was at the entrances to the city from three different directions on land and navy boats were only 30 yards away from city walls, Croat officials said.



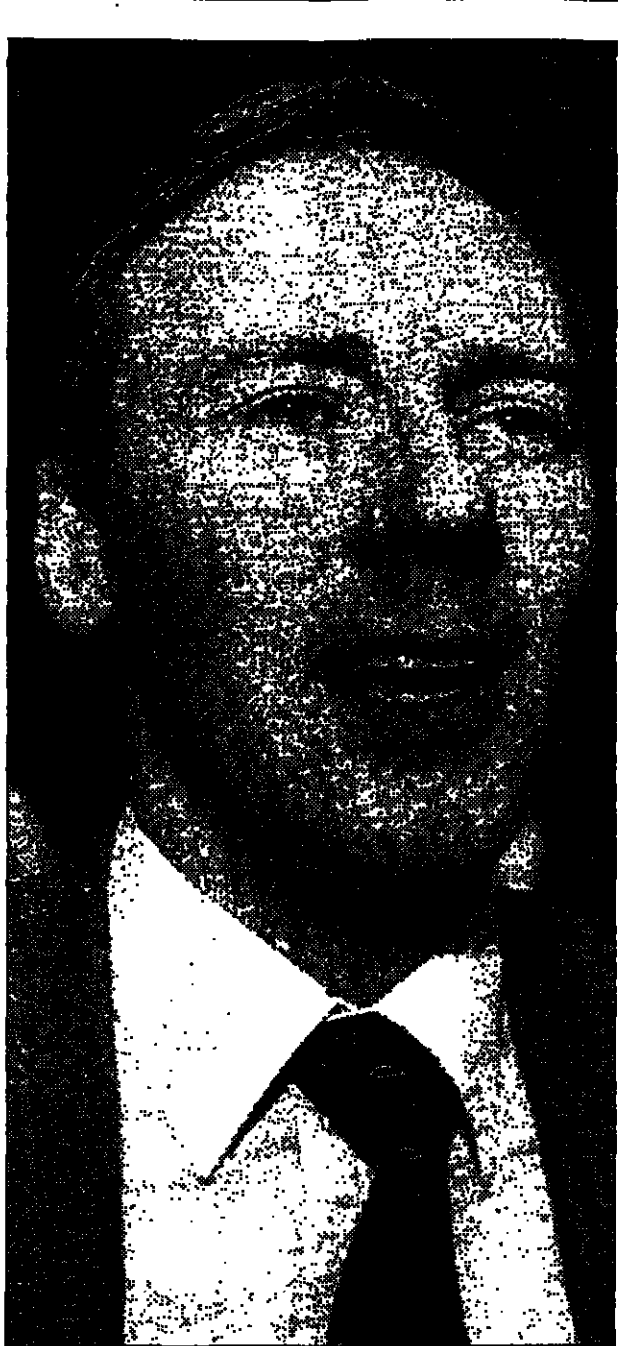
Ripa di Meana: 'I will not be intimidated'

European Parliament yesterday. He then went on to give a detailed rebuttal of Mr Major's charge that Britain had been taken unawares by the commission's demand that building work on seven projects be halted.

Mr Major had written to Jacques Delors, the commission president, complaining about Signor Ripa di Meana's demands. Yesterday, the environment commissioner retorted that similar requests had been sent to nine other member states. "I have mentioned these precedents to reject as offensive and unjust these accusations of partiality which prime minister John Major has levelled against me."

The reaction of the British government is unfounded. As European environment commissioner and as an individual, I will not allow myself to be intimidated.

Signor Ripa di Meana said the commission had first decided in March to demand that the building projects be halted, but had waited seven months before issuing writs to see if Britain could be persuaded to co-operate.



Smith: winner who "entrusted this jury with my future"



Houston: admitted that she was "volatile and abrasive"

## Doctor wins record £150,000 for slander over 'harassment'

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A DOCTOR who accused his former partner of slander over allegations she made in front of patients and staff that he had sexually harassed her was awarded record damages of £150,000 in the High Court yesterday.

Malcolm Smith, aged 35, who brought the action against fellow GP Alan Houston, aged 47, received more than three times the previous slander record of £44,000, established in 1983, though rather less than the \$2,823,000 (£1,660,590) awarded in America in 1974.

Legal experts said yesterday that any eventual appeal by Dr Houston would go before judges who would be unlikely to let the award of £150,000 stand. The likelihood was that it would be greatly reduced.

Under new provisions in the Courts and Legal Services Act, the GP can appeal against the level of damages - but in doing so could incur further legal costs. It is likely she will be advised to appeal, but then seek to negotiate a form of award which would avoid bankruptcy.

The two doctors are expected to return to their patients at the surgery they still share near Northampton on Monday. Dr Houston has launched county court proceedings to have her former partner removed, but she denied that she had resorted to "silly schoolgirlish pranks" or "mucky tricks" to achieve her aim.

A jury of seven women and five men unanimously found in Dr Smith's favour after deliberations lasting more than five hours at the end of a week-long hearing.

Dr Smith, a bachelor, of Dunston, Northamptonshire, sued over what he said were wicked allegations of sexual harassment. He said Dr Houston had accused him of groping her staff and had said: "We have all had enough of you feeling our breasts, pinching our bot-

### Counter writs issued over spy allegations

By LIN JENKINS AND BILL FROST

THE *Sanson Option* affair surrounding allegations of arms dealing and links with Israeli intelligence moved from the public arena to the lawyers' offices yesterday.

Seymour M Hersh, the author, and Faber & Faber, the publisher, issued counter libel writs against Robert Maxwell, publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, and the newspaper's foreign editor, Nick Davies.

Faber & Faber disclosed yesterday that the book was to have an extended print run of 10,000 and said that it planned to publish the memoirs of another key player in the affair, Ari Ben-Menashe, on his life as an Israeli spy. He is one of the main sources for Mr Hersh's allegations.

David Hooper, the solicitor acting for the writer and his publisher, said they were seeking damages for reports pub-

### Hatton held in raids

By RONALD FAUX

DEREK Hatton, former deputy leader of Liverpool city council and John Dunn, former deputy leader of North-East Derbyshire district council, were among 11 people arrested yesterday by Merseyside detectives investigating alleged corruption and land deals.

The investigation extended yesterday to the Derbyshire mining village of Arkwright Town, where a £15 million rebuilding scheme is being investigated by police as part of their corruption enquiries.

Council offices and business premises in Merseyside, Derbyshire and Yorkshire were raided by 160 police officers armed with 26 search warrants.

## Bush promises not to impose peace

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush promised yesterday that the United States would not try to "impose" a solution in next week's Middle East peace talks. Responding to doubts about America's impartiality, expressed on Thursday by Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, Mr Bush said that the United States could not make peace in the region. "Only the parties themselves can do that," he said.

The president refused to be drawn by questioning from reporters about Mr Shamir's prior rejection of a "land for peace" formula, saying that he did not want "inadvertently to complicate the process".

Mr Bush said that he would hold a private meeting with Mr Shamir before the talks. "We are not trying to impose a settlement," he said, describing the agreement of all sides to hold a conference as "the beginning of understanding between Israelis and Arabs".

Mr Bush leaves for Madrid on Monday before opening the conference jointly with President Gorbachev on Wednesday. The White House has made it clear that no new American-Soviet initiatives will be allowed to deflect attention from the peace effort, but Mr Bush said yesterday that arms control and economic issues would be discussed.

The United States is adjusting still to the surprise decision of Mr Shamir to lead the Israeli delegation. American officials had expected David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister, to lead the talks. State Department officials denied, however, that Mr Shamir's decision would "derail the conference" before it began.

Yesterday the president took care to reduce expectations of any early breakthrough in what he described as a region beset by "dangerous and tragic conflict for decades". He promised that the American delegations, to be headed by James Baker, the Secretary of State, would be "a committed and active partner in the talks" but said that real peace would require patience and determination by everyone.

## French maul English as rugby coach quits

By DAVID HANDS

THE French are blaming *la perfide Albion* for the resignation yesterday of Daniel Dubroca, controversial coach to the French rugby union team. Apparently, there is a sinister Anglo-Saxon plot to "destabilise" French rugby.

Dubroca, aged 37, was thrust into the limelight when he became embroiled in a fracas with David Bishop, the New Zealand referee, after England's 19-10 win over France in the World Cup quarter-final in Paris last Saturday. The stout Frenchman was alleged to have called the referee a "cheat", manhandled him and spat at him.

The French coach, by his own account, was instead the epitome of French politesse. "I simply congratulated the referee... I said 'Bravo'. If I touched him, it was a fraternal gesture." That gesture is likely to become as celebrated in rugby folklore as a former British captain's explanation for his side's savage behaviour - "We were only getting our retaliation in first."

Later this week, Dubroca admitted he had called Bishop a cheat. And yesterday, as he resigned, he said the opportunity had been taken to "destabilise French rugby". The former prop forward, who captained France in the 1987 World Cup, said he came to his decision on Wednesday but delayed until he had spoken with Albert Ferrasse, the president of the French rugby federation whose autocratic powers have had much to do with both selection and coaching appointments.

M Ferrasse, who steps down from office himself in December, said the World Cup organisers should not have changed their minds - if, indeed, their minds had been made up when, 24 hours after the incident in Paris, Russ Thomas, the New Zealander who is chairman of the World Cup, said that no further action was to be taken beyond regret for what had occurred.

M Ferrasse claimed the World Cup organisers "had accepted the letter of apology. It's not the first time. It's always been like that. The English are not like others. There is not a single French referee in the World Cup. Are our referees also lepers?" That remark ignores the fact that René Hourquet was chosen for the final refereeing panel of 12 but chose not to comply with the tournament regulations and was replaced. "Daniel is very sad, there is no doubt," M Ferrasse added.



Dubroca: insists that he congratulated referee

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## Fonda video 'led man to commit rape and double murder'

By RICHARD DUCE

A VIDEO film starring Jane Fonda prompted a man to rape and murder the child he once cared for and to strangle her mother, a court was told yesterday. Richard Lomas was detained for life by a judge at Birmingham crown court.

Lomas, aged 18, sat down to watch the film *The Morning After* with Rosemary Kelley, aged 37, while her daughter, Claire, aged five, slept upstairs. Malcolm Lee, QC, for the prosecution, said: "The sinister aspect of this film is that it contains a scene of an attempted murder where a woman is drowned in a sink."

Mr Lee said that Mrs Kelley made sexual advances towards Lomas and a fight began. "They fell to the floor

and he applied pressure to her neck and, after about 10 minutes, he found she had died. He then filled up a washing bowl of water and put her head in it to revive her."

Lomas then turned his attention to Claire, a child about whom he had harboured sexual fantasies. Armed with kitchen scissors, he went into her bedroom.

"He tried to remove her pyjama trousers and cut away her upper clothing and she woke up," Mr Lee said. "He tried to tie her hands and gag her with a stocking. He then killed Claire by pressing down on her neck with his forearm and raped her while she was dying." After the murders, Lomas made a cup of coffee

and stole £2 from Mrs Kelley's purse.

Lomas used to babysit with Claire and moved in with Mrs Kelley for a week over Christmas last year. He later moved out, but still had a key to the back door. The murders were committed when Lomas, who was then aged 17, called on Mrs Kelley in the early hours of January 2.

Mr Lee said the bodies lay undiscovered for more than a week until a friend of Mrs Kelley, Tessa Blake, called at her flat in Bartley Green, Birmingham, after Mrs Kelley failed to turn up for work at the Thomas Aquinas school in Edgbaston, where Mrs Blake also worked.

Mrs Blake went into the flat through the unlocked back door and found Mrs Kelley lying in the living room. The gas fire was on, but unlit. She ran back to her home to call the police and returned later to find Claire's naked body on the bed.

A post mortem examination showed that both Mrs Kelley and her daughter had died from asphyxiation.

Lomas at first denied the murders, but later admitted killing them both when confronted with results of a blood test that matched swabs taken from the scene. After confessing, he had attempted suicide.

Coleman Treacy, QC, for the defence, said the murders were not premeditated. "The defendant denies Mrs Kelley made any sexual advances towards him or that there is any history of a sexual relationship. But I realise there is only one single sentence, considering the abhorrent nature of these crimes," he said.

Mr Justice Owen told Lomas, who admitted two charges of murder and one of rape: "The facts of this terrible matter speak for themselves. No words could say more." Lomas was detained at Her Majesty's pleasure on the murder charges and jailed for life for rape.



Video killer: Lomas and the film he had been watching



Victims: Rosemary Kelley and her daughter, Claire



## Hatton arrested in land deal investigations

### Eleven are held in search of premises

DEREK Hatton, former deputy leader of Liverpool City Council and John Dunn, former deputy leader of North-East Derbyshire District Council, were among 11 people arrested yesterday by detectives investigating land deals and alleged corruption.

The long-running Operation Cheetah enquiry by Merseyside fraud squad spread yesterday to the Derbyshire mining village of Arkwright Town, where a £15 million rebuilding project has been linked by police to corruption enquiries.

Mr Hatton, aged 43, is on unconditional bail over three charges of conspiracy to defraud Liverpool ratepayers, which he denies. He is due to appear before Liverpool magistrates on Tuesday.

Yesterday, 160 police officers from the Liverpool fraud squad and Derbyshire serious crimes squad executed 26 search warrants in council offices, business premises and private homes in Merseyside, Yorkshire and Derbyshire. The raids were codenamed Operation Granville, after the television series *Open All Hours* whose main characters are Arkwright and Granville.

North-East Derbyshire council offices in Chesterfield were searched as Mr Dunn, who sat on the committee concerned with the Arkwright project, was arrested. Operation Granville centred on plans for the total rebuilding of Arkwright, where 400 homes have been affected by the seepage of methane gas.

Among those taken for questioning by police yesterday were Frank Vaudrey, the Liverpool broad-left councillor, Collette D'Arcy, Mr Hatton's former business assistant and former council press officer, and Roy Stewart, a Liverpool businessman.

A locksmith who accompanied police to Mr Hatton's home opened a safe and documents were removed by police. Mr Hatton's lawyer, David Phillips, said allegations of a connection between Mr Hatton and the Arkwright plans were scurrilous.



Police operation: Derek Hatton leaving his home yesterday after his arrest

## Moving village is back in the limelight

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE residents of Arkwright Town are becoming increasingly familiar with publicity. Telephone calls to the home of Ged Briddon were answered yesterday with the words: "Are you television, radio or newspaper?"

For the second October in succession, the Derbyshire village has been thrown into the national spotlight by events far beyond its control. Last autumn, British Coal, in an act of apparent unparalleled generosity, offered to provide all 177 householders with new homes, worth twice as much

as their present terraced houses. The offer to build a £15 million new village 200 yards away from the existing one was particularly appealing as their present homes were, as one British Coal official put it, "ready to explode at any moment".

Methane gas leaking into homes from a former colliery has exposed the villagers to what British Coal believes is an unacceptable risk of explosion. Another pertinent fact is that the present village prevents British Coal excavating up to £160 million worth of coal over a 1,000-

acre site. A year later, the village is centre stage again, thanks to the spreading tentacles of Operation Cheetah, the police investigation into council land deals which began on Merseyside and yesterday led to raids on the offices of East Derbyshire district council.

British Coal's plans to reposition Arkwright Town are believed to be among those investigated by police.

The prime concern now for the 500 villagers is that the investigation should not hinder their move to what is being called "Arkwright New

Town". The village will contain 20th century versions of the existing public house, the school and fish and chip shop. There was initial opposition to a proposal to re-house the entire community, but villagers now believe that British Coal's offer is too good to miss. Mr Briddon, chairman of Sutton and Duckmanton parish council, said: "I think everyone has accepted that we have to move, although some are looking to move away from the area altogether, and not to the new development."

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#### Hijackers who ran but could not hide

The Egyptian plane took off at 11.15pm Cairo time. By midnight it was just south of Crete, where the F-14s were waiting in an



ambush. With their lights off and their cockpits dark, the four Tomcats throttled back to follow the Egyptian airliner...

Oliver North, on the dramatic mid-air capture of those who hijacked the Achille Lauro, in *The Sunday Times* tomorrow

## Rare lambs born dressed as mutton

By KERRY GILL

MOST farmers would be overjoyed to find themselves with an unexpected flock of 43 lambs, but not veterinary surgeon Marshall Watson, a collector of rare breeds, when he saw the wretched offspring.

The lambs, born on his farm near Lanark, were less than perfect. They were, in fact, mongrels and had no better future than being served up on the dining room table. However, Mr Watson's irritation has been partially appeased by £800 compensation for the surprise litter.

Strathclyde region agreed to pay Mr Watson £5,800 compensation for damage caused on his farm while a relief sewer was laid last year. Fencing had to be rebuilt and a road repaired. However, it was the unwanted coupling of his rare sheep breeds that annoyed Mr Watson and embarrassed the council's sewerage department.

Mr Watson's breeds include Soay, Jacob and Hebridean sheep. The council assured him that while the sewer was being laid fencing would be erected to keep the breeds apart. Unfortunately, some Jacob sheep managed to get

through the fence separating them and a Soay ram. Nature being what it is, a flock of less than pure stock was the result. Strathclyde agreed to pay Mr Watson about £800 for his sheep's "unexpected progeny" and the loss of sale of pure bred wool.

Tom Anderson, the council's sewerage director, said that Mr Watson had to be reimbursed for loss of grazing. The problem with the prize sheep was a little extra. "I gather, the gentlemen had to keep coming home from work to catch his sheep," he said that he had inspected the fencing at Braxfield farm and had been impressed by it.

"But I gather that some of these sheep had small heads and were able to force their way through the fencing during the height of the breeding season. They got 'mixed up' and we got crossbreeds that were of no use to anyone."

Mr Watson, chief veterinary officer for Edinburgh's city council, said most of the money was compensation for damage to a road, fencing and loss of grazing land. "There was some misplacing of sheep but it's all in the past now."

## 14,000 homes 'occupied illegally'

By DOUGLAS BROOM  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 14,000 council flats and houses in London are being occupied by people who have no right to live there, as a result of widespread fraud, according to a report published yesterday.

The Association of London Authorities, which represents Labour boroughs, said its members were taking tough action to stamp out illegal subletting, the sale of keys to council flats and abuse of the sale of council homes.

With almost 250,000 families on council house waiting lists in London, the boroughs were desperate to ensure that only those in real need were allocated council homes.

Peter Challis, chairman of the association's housing committee, said councils needed more support from the police and greater legal power to evict illegal occupants. There were 37,000 homeless households in temporary accommodation, many of them in bed and breakfast hotels, and a further 113,000 had applied for transfers to council homes between boroughs.

If councils could recover only 7,000 illegally occupied homes they could save poll tax payers in the capital £98 million in bed and breakfast payments for homeless families, he said.

A report prepared by the association blamed the acute shortage of housing in London for encouraging unscrupulous people to take advantage of those desperate for a home. The frauds involved three areas: the sale of keys to council homes by existing tenants; false claims for housing benefits and fraudulent sales of council homes to tenants who were paid a premium by others to sell on the property.

Allegations that keys to vacant flats had been sold were already being investigated by the police in a number of boroughs and councils were taking action to check that occupants were authorised tenants.

## Birds at risk from marinas

By JOHN YOUNG

THE rapid growth in sailing and power boating, and the associated demand for new marinas and moorings, could cause untold damage to wildlife, according to a report published yesterday.

It is likely that the demand for new facilities is expected to increase by about 50 per cent during the next decade, says the report by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Pressure on coastal areas is likely to increase as a result of congestion on inland waterways and estuaries, and competition from other water sports.

Over the past 10 years the number of marinas and other deep-water berths has grown substantially on the most popular stretches of coast in southern and eastern England, the report says. The easiest

Marina Marinas Moorings  
Villages

Cornwall	2	15
Dorset	8	16
Hampshire	4	21
IOW	6	22
W Sussex	2	6
E Sussex	8	9
Kent	1	18
Essex	1	10
Suffolk	6	28
Norfolk	1	2
Total	15	81

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sites have now been developed, and the high costs of marina construction are increasingly met by revenue from waterfront property developments.

More than 60 estuaries in the United Kingdom are recognised as being internationally important for migratory

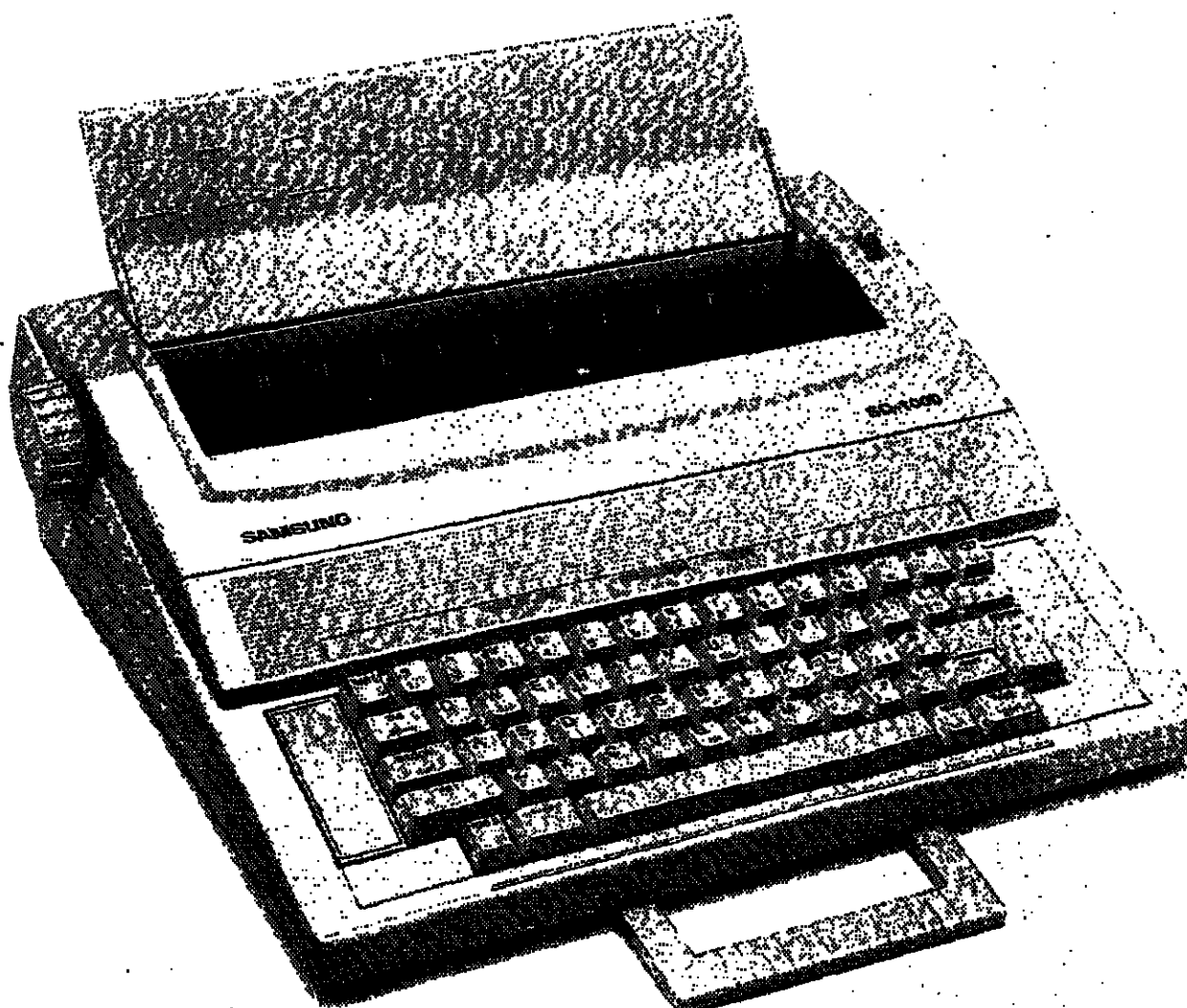
Marina construction often involves land reclamation and loss of intertidal areas, both of which can affect roosting and feeding waders and waterfowl.

Dr Sian Pullen, marine conservation officer for the WWF, said: "It is essential that management plans are prepared for key estuaries involving the full participation of recreational and conservation interests."

Philip Rothwell, RSPB conservation officer, called for a national coastal strategy. "Without greater guidance and co-ordination, the future management of our coastline will remain at risk," he said.

A review of marina developments in southern England (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL, or WWF-UK, Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey

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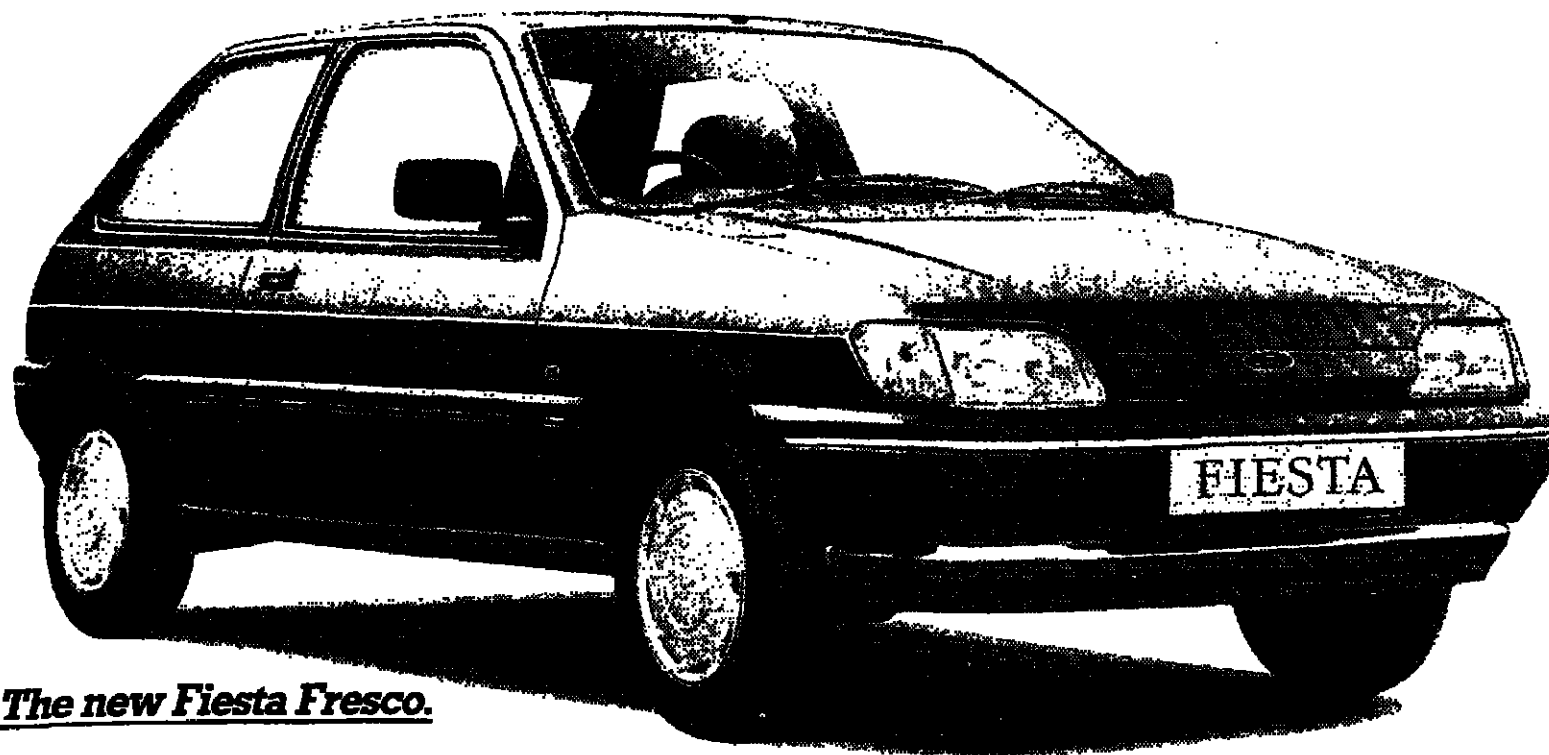


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## NHS cash dispute

# Letter to GPs banning referrals is withdrawn

By CRAIG SETON AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE national health service was at the centre of a new dispute yesterday after a health authority withdrew a letter telling family doctors not to refer their patients for treatment outside its area.

Kettering health district bowed to ministerial pressure as William Waldegrave, the health secretary, again emphasised the government's determination to press ahead with the health reforms in the face of widespread public distrust and intense opposition from its political rivals.

A defiant Mr Waldegrave, whose standing is at a low ebb according to the latest opinion poll, said that there was "a tide of enthusiasm now sweeping through the NHS for the government's health changes and for the idea of NHS trusts".

The health secretary insisted during a visit to Derby that managers, consultants, doctors and nurses recognised that self-governing trust status for hospitals was the "gateway

to providing an even better service to patients".

Stephen Dorrell, a junior health minister, intervened after the letter to GPs from John Rodgers, director of public health for the Kettering health authority in Northamptonshire. Dr Rodgers warned of a shortage of money for referring non-emergency patients for treatment in hospitals that did not have a contractual arrangement with the authority under the new NHS internal market.

The authority confirmed yesterday that it had spent or committed more than the amount it set aside in April to pay for extra contractual referrals this financial year. The health department said that Mr Dorrell had agreed with the Oxford regional health authority, of which Kettering is part, that its letter to GPs contained "significant errors" and should be withdrawn.

Yesterday, Kettering health authority said that it was withdrawing Dr Rodgers' letter because it was factually incorrect and was preparing new advice to GPs over extra contractual referrals. However, it said that while family doctors had the right to refer patients to any hospital "it may not be possible in all cases for the health authority to pay for that treatment in the immediate future. The patient may have to wait".

The Kettering case comes only a week after the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts revealed results of a survey showing 30 per cent of health districts had spent more than half the money they had set aside for "extra contractual referrals" midway through the first year of the NHS internal market.

The Kettering incident came after criticisms of the scheme in the case of Emma Melville, aged 23, a mother from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, who was told the authority could not pay for her to receive private treatment from a London specialist for a skin complaint.

Roger Button, chairman of Kettering health authority, said that funds had been set aside for a small number of non-emergency services referred outside the local area. There were no constraints on emergencies. He said the authority was £9 million underfunded but had received an additional £2 million from the Oxford region last week. Talks were taking place for more cash for various activities including patient referrals outside the area.

## Aborigines seek cash for nuclear clean-up

By LOUISE HIDALGO

A DELEGATION of Aborigines arrived in Britain yesterday in the hope of persuading the government to accept liability for a share of the bill to clean up their tribal lands contaminated by nuclear testing in the Fifties.

The four-man team hopes to meet government officials next week to discuss how the Maralinga people, resettled from their land in southern Australia 35 years ago to make way for the testing, have been affected by plutonium contamination. Compensation for the

loss of 120 square kilometres of land worst affected will also be on the agenda.

The defence ministry stressed yesterday that any negotiations on sharing the cost of a clean-up - estimated at £250 million - would be made directly with the Australian government, but said no such request had been received.

Britain maintains it was absolved from further responsibility for contamination on the Maralinga range by agreements with Canberra in 1968 and 1979.



Face to face: Avigdor Arikha and R B Kitaj in conversation beneath two self-portraits at the opening of "Through the Artist's Glass", an exhibition of portraits and self-portraits at Marlborough Graphics in

London (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). Both are preoccupied with their Jewish identity. The exhibition includes portraits by and of such artists as Lucian Freud, David Hockney and Francis Bacon.

□ The record for the Victorian artist David Roberts tripled at Christie's yesterday when his "Jerusalem (Looking South)" fetched £418,000 (estimate £150,000), selling to a private British collector.

□ A wooden butcher's shop fetched top price at Christie's sale of dolls' houses from the Camma Bache collection, selling for £9,900 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). Contemporary British Art, Weekend Times page 14

## 'Aids herb' doctors struck off

TWO doctors who promoted their "herbs and meditation treatment" for Aids, without qualifications or training, were struck off the medical register yesterday.

Leslie Davis, aged 38, and Roger Chalmers, aged 37, were found guilty of serious professional misconduct by the General Medical Council. Timothy Langdale, for the council, had told the hearing in London that Aids victims "were as vulnerable a group of patients as perhaps it is possible to find".

But barristers representing the doctors said their motivation for providing Maharishi Ayur-Vedic treatment had been concern for the patients, not money. Keiran Coonan, QC for Dr Davis, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, said that the amount of money he had earned while treating Aids patients was "frankly laughable".

Steve Miller, QC, for Dr Chalmers, of Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, told the committee that Dr Chalmers had abandoned his career in conventional medicine because of his belief in the treatment. "He has made an extraordinary financial and career sacrifice," he said.

## Drug may save early babies

By NICK NUTTALL  
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A DRUG has been developed which might help to save the lives of thousands of premature babies by mimicking a substance produced in the lungs of healthy people that keeps air passages open and stops lungs from collapsing.

The substance is called human surfactant. Premature babies are often unable to produce it because the ability to do so develops just before birth. Doctors normally put such infants on respirators to keep their lungs open.

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The new drug, developed by a team at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, and reported in the journal *Science*, could be more effective and carry less risk of side effects because it contains an artificial version of one of the human proteins.

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## Women in City job dispute likened to warring Amazons

A CITY money broker who earned £150,000 a year and her chief were like "Amazons circling each other" in a power struggle, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Lilliane Preisler, aged 31, and her managing director, Cindy Buggins, were capable of "striking terror into the hearts of all men," it was said. Mrs Preisler resigned from her job after she was allegedly treated like a junior by Mrs Buggins, aged 33, and refused promised incentive payments shortly after the birth of her first child. The tribunal will publish its ruling on her claim for constructive dismissal next month. Mrs Preisler had said that Mrs Buggins took away her most profitable clients before she left Euro Brokers Capital Markets in January and failed to pay overdue bonuses of up to £40,000. She also said that her true worth in salary was £70,000 more than she was being paid.

Frederick Mostyn, chairman of the tribunal in Chelsea, west London, said in his summing up: "These two Amazons are circling each other, presumably striking terror into the hearts of all men."

Mrs Preisler, of Golders Green, northwest London, left shortly after returning to work after maternity leave follow-

ing arguments with Mrs Buggins.

Selwyn Bloch, counsel for Mrs Preisler, said in his closing address: "This is typical of a war between two strong personalities. Mrs Buggins is clearly someone who is a tough lady in a tough business and she is strong and efficient in her duties."

"Mrs Preisler is talented, also very strong and prepared to fight her own corner. Mrs Buggins liked to rule in an autocratic manner but Mrs Preisler wanted to have certainty as to where she stood. It was a power struggle but Mrs Preisler was doing nothing but trying to fulfil her contract."

Mr Bloch said that Mrs



Buggins: described as a tough lady

Buggins was obsessed that her top broker was moving to a rival company. "Mrs Buggins seemed to absorb all the rumours about Mrs Preisler going to a competitor and decided she did not want her back except on her own terms, whether fair or unfair."

Mrs Preisler, now a mother of two, claims she was sexually discriminated against and constructively dismissed by the company. The tribunal will give a written adjudication on November 6.

After the hearing, Mrs Preisler said she hoped to return to the firm soon. She added: "I'm very happy it is all over. Everything that had to be said was said."

Timothy Russell, lawyer for Euro Brokers, said that Mrs Preisler had resigned, depriving them of a top executive. He added: "We are distressed the claim should have been brought."

"We feel justified in refusing allegations that have been made. The company feels it has acted reasonably throughout and would not have wished to lose this employee who chose to resign."

Asked about the effect on the company of the hearing, which has been spread over two months, Mrs Buggins said: "If anything, people have rallied around us."

## Defeated bishop takes shares fight to synod

Despite a legal setback, the campaign against church investment policy will continue, reports Ruth Gledhill

THE Church Commissioners, who manage more than £2.4 billion of Church of England funds, yesterday claimed a legal victory in the High Court over the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries. The bishop, who challenged the investment policy of the commissioners in the High Court, admitted "disappointment" that the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Donald Nicholls, had not made the declarations he had hoped for. But he said the judgment carried his case forward.

The bishop intends to call on the church's general synod to implement an ethical policy outlined in the recent report *Faith in the Countryside*. His motion will ask bishops on the commissioners' board of governors to set up a group to examine the moral and ethical implications of investments.

The bishop was seeking legal declarations that the commissioners should be obliged to promote the Christian faith and that their investment policy should not be incompatible with this. He believed them to be guided too rigorously by financial considerations.

The commissioners administer large estates and funds for the church. Their income last year was £230million and they paid nearly £200million on clergy stipends, housing and pensions.

Lord Justice Nicholls noted that the commissioners already had an ethical investment policy, avoiding companies whose main business was in armaments, gambling, alcohol, tobacco or newspapers. He agreed with the bishop that the commissioners were prepared to take non-financial considerations into account only when they did not "significantly jeopardise or interfere with accepted investment principles".

Lord Justice Nicholls said that the "circumstances in which charity trustees were bound or entitled to make a financially disadvantageous investment decision for ethical reasons were 'extremely limited', adding: "There is no evidence before me to suggest that any such cir-



Ethics man: the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, calling yesterday for a group to examine the morality of the Church Commissioners' investments

cumstance exists here."

The commissioners' ethical policy excludes about 13 per cent of listed UK companies. Under criteria advocated by the bishop and others, a further 24 per cent would be excluded. Lord Justice Nicholls said that the bishop and his supporters were actuated by the highest moral concern, but the approach they wished the commissioners to adopt

would involve a departure from their legal obligations. Whether that would be desirable was "not an issue in these proceedings".

Sir Douglas Lovelock, First Church Estates Commissioner, said: "We are very pleased that the judge has totally upheld the policy which we have operated for so long."

The commissioners' costs of about £100,000 will come

from funds that would have gone towards clergy stipends. The bishop's costs will be met by guarantees of £30,000 from about 500 supporters. The Charity Commissioners have published guidelines to trustees and their financial advisers following "substantial" losses by charities who invested with the BCCI.

Daniel Johnson, page 12

## Trial costs threaten church savings

By RUTH GLEDHILL  
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS  
CORRESPONDENT

SIR Douglas Lovelock, the first church estates commissioner, condemned as "dreadful" yesterday a church ruling that £280,000 expected savings made in running the Church of England could go towards the court costs of a Sussex vicar found guilty of adultery.

The savings have been made this year at Church House, Westminster, the church's headquarters. Vacancies have been left open for longer than usual and staff have been cut back to help the church, whose investments have been affected by the recession.

Sir Douglas said: "I am increasingly concerned about the fact that costs of legal cases such as this are having to be met at the expense in effect of the work of the church in the parishes."

A substantial part of the money, which would have gone to dioceses and parishes, is instead expected to help to cover the costs of the Rev Tom Tyler's court action.

Sir Douglas Lovelock, chairman of the church's central board of finance, will ask the general synod next month to authorise the transfer of savings "to cover additional expenditure incurred in relation to proceedings currently in progress". These concern the case of Mr Tyler.

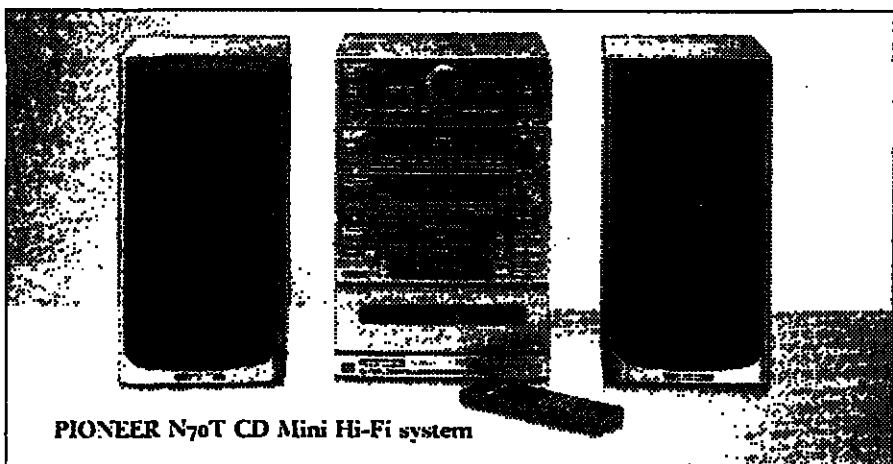
Mr Tyler, who has been suspended, is planning to appeal to the court of arches, and is waiting to hear whether his application for further legal aid from the church has been successful.

The costs of Mr Tyler's original trial, his appeal and his retrial are expected to be substantial.

David Capps, Mr Tyler's solicitor, said he had been told that the synod's legal aid commission had decided provisionally not to grant legal aid for Mr Tyler's appeal, but the decision was to be reviewed later this month. He said the application for legal aid had been made with advice from counsel that there were valid grounds for appeal.

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## Queen opens Conwy tunnel

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Queen yesterday opened a £190 million tunnel under the river Conwy in north Wales, putting the final seal on a successful campaign to protect the setting of the town of Conwy and its famous castle, built by Edward I.

The dual carriageway tunnel, three quarters of a mile long, diverts traffic on the A55 north Wales expressway from the town walls and relieves a notorious bottleneck. It is unique in Britain in having been constructed in six giant sections, each weighing 3,000 tons, which were then floated



Betjemann: objected to earlier bridge plan

out and sunk into a trench excavated in the river bed.

The original plan for a high level bridge met with a barrage of criticism at a public enquiry in June 1975 by the National Trust, the British Tourist Authority, the Countryside Commission, the Ancient Monuments Society and the Civic Trust for Wales.

A letter to *The Times*, the signatories of which included Sir John Betjemann, Sir Hugh Casson, Sir Nikolaus Pevsner and Sir John Summerson, observed at the time of the enquiry that the enormous scale of the proposed bridge would dominate the two distinguished 19th century bridges by Telford and Stephenson and would obscure the view of the best preserved walled town in Britain, which ranked with Avila in Spain and Carcassonne in France.

The tunnel alternative was put forward by Aberconwy district council and was accepted in 1980 by Nicholas Edwards, then secretary of state for Wales, who declared that the bridge would have an unacceptable impact on the castle and the town walls. The

cost was put then at £77 million.

To build the sections a huge casting basin was established on the banks of the estuary where the Mulberry harbour used in the D-day landings was also built.

A computerised traffic management and signalling system has been installed similar to one for the new Dartford bridge over the Thames which the Queen will open next week.

The expressway in Wales is part of the E22 Euroroute linking Dublin with the Baltic port of Sassnitz.

## Freed hostages speak to their cellmates

FREED hostages John McCarthy and Brian Keenan yesterday broadcast messages to their former cellmates still being held in Beirut. They described their experiences of freedom to help prepare the others for their release.

Speaking on the BBC World Service's *Outlook*, to which the hostages listen regularly, they told the remaining Western captives that their families were well. Both men told them they were looking forward to their release.

Mr McCarthy, who asked to make the broadcast, also sent

birthday wishes to the American hostage Terry Anderson, the longest-held of the captives, who will be 44 on Sunday. He has been a prisoner for six and a half years. Mr McCarthy asked Mr Anderson to pass on his love to "TW", meaning the church envoy Terry Waite, and also to the American hostage Tom Sutherland, with whom he was held.

He said the remaining hostages were very much in his mind, and sometimes he woke at dawn, picturing them in their cells.



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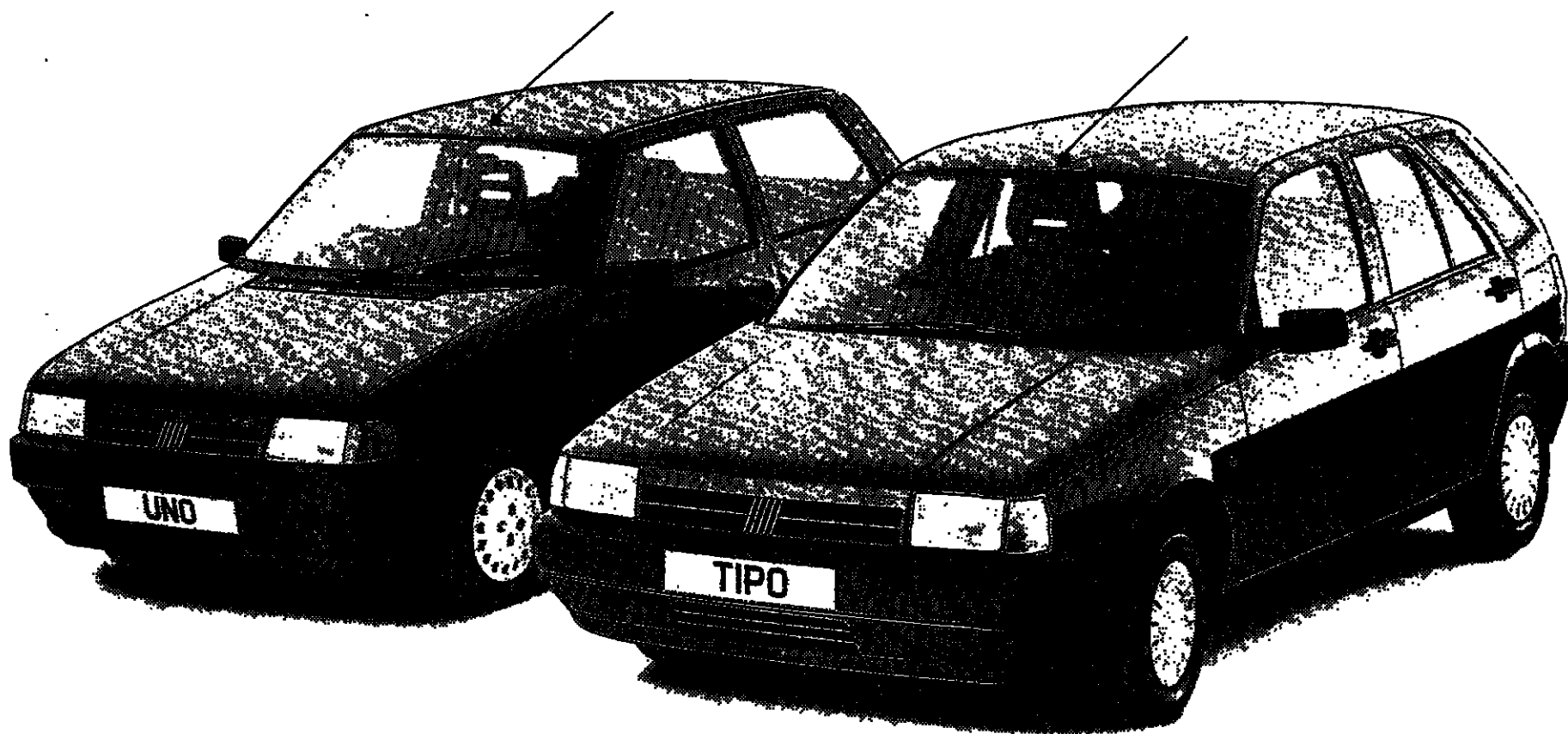
## New name takes fun out of Fumppo

# Man killed pit bull with knife

Boys at a comprehensive school in Maldon, Essex, will be allowed to wear long hair and an earring, as female pupils do, after they claimed that a ban by staff breached the Sex Discrimination Act.

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# Israelis struggle to put price on Golan Heights barter with Syria



Assad: seen as Israel's most implacable foe

THE well-preserved crusader battlements of Subeibe castle on the approach to the Golan Heights stand as a graceful reminder of the strategic importance attached throughout history to this commanding plateau which straddles Syria and Israel.

Like their medieval predecessors in the Knights of the Hospital, Israeli forces manning sophisticated hilltop observation posts and defensive positions are in little doubt of the value of the high ground which dominates Israeli population centres across the Sea of Galilee and which lies only 50 miles from the Syrian capital.

"We will never give back the Golan Heights if there is even the slightest chance that our security will be affected," said Zalman Gaster, chairman

Israel is contemplating the costs of compromise over the strategic plateau disputed with the long-time enemy in Damascus, Richard Beeston writes

of the Upper Galilee regional council, who, like other kibbutz farmers in the area, recalls with dread the period before 1967 when Syrian artillery positions in the Golan bombarded Israeli communities regularly. "We can never go back to that situation. It made it impossible for anyone to live in this area."

His views are shared by the vast majority of the Israeli public, who approved the virtual annexation into the Jewish state of the Golan Heights a decade ago but who none the less have begun to

question the conventional wisdom since the Gulf war and in the run-up to next week's first peace talks with Syria. The entire strategy of holding onto the Golan came under scrutiny in January, when prominent figures in the military and political hierarchy concluded that control of high ground was of limited use in the age of long-range missiles, non-conventional arms and high-tech weaponry.

At a recent conference on the subject, the former commanding officer of Israel's northern command, Major

General Avigdor "Yanosh" Ben-Gal, offered a daring vision of Israel's future security which involved the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Golan over five years and the eventual establishment of the area as a demilitarised zone. In addition, both Israel and Syria would reduce the size of their standing armies and the Jewish state would invest in sophisticated satellite and other electronic intelligence systems.

The view came under fierce attack from his successor at northern command, Major General Yossi Peled, who argued that the age of the large-scale land battle was not over. "A Syrian attack with 400 missiles, killing 2,500 Israelis, will not cause Israel's collapse but 1,000 Syrian tanks rolling down the Golan

into the Jordan valley will," he said.

Although the fear of another battle for the heights makes most Israelis sympathise with his line of thinking, an agreement with Syria over the disputed territory would eliminate Israel's last remaining military threat in the region and lead almost certainly to a comprehensive peace settlement with all the Arab states, who will be looking to Damascus for leadership at the Madrid conference table.

The point was made earlier this year by Arye Deri, the Israeli interior minister, whose Shas religious party is a junior member of the coalition government. "The question of who has sovereignty over the area or whose flag flies there — those are matters which will be

settled in negotiations," he said.

"But as soon as they accept our two conditions, that no Syrian soldiers are present and that the Jewish settlements are not removed, then you can hardly call it Syrian sovereignty."

The very concept of peace with Syria is still hard for most Israeli politicians and soldiers to swallow, particularly since President Assad is regarded as Israel's most implacable foe.

Although he has agreed to face-to-face talks with Israel, Mr Assad's motivation is still suspected and he has failed to persuade the Jewish state that he can be trusted in the way it trusted the late President Sadat of Egypt, who won the confidence of Israel and was eventually given back the Sinai desert in exchange for



peace. While mutual Israeli-Syrian suspicions will certainly persist beyond the opening bilateral talks in Madrid next weekend, both countries are aware that it is only a matter of time before the Jewish state once again finds itself at war with its neighbours — unless a suitable compromise is found.

## Jerusalem polls back conference

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELIS and Palestinians approve overwhelmingly of next week's Middle East peace conference despite doubts about its chances of success, according to opinion polls released yesterday.

In one poll published in the Hebrew daily, *Yediot Ahronot*, 91 per cent of Israelis said they favoured the talks. Only 7 per cent were against. However, 57 per cent did not believe the conference would produce significant results.

A poll conducted among the 1.8 million Palestinians living under Israeli occupation suggested that 80 per cent expect some positive results in Madrid. But the poll, conducted

by the Arab Research Centre, an organisation owned by Faisal Husseini, the Palestinian delegation leader, also found that almost half of those questioned believed America was not serious about peace in the region.

Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, can certainly draw some comfort from the polls when he sits down in Madrid on Wednesday to face his country's decades-old enemies. But the polls also showed that the Israeli public is far more conciliatory towards the Palestinians than the Israeli leader or the majority of his negotiators.

Asked how far Israel should

go in an effort to resolve the Palestinian issue, 26 per cent favoured the return of most of the occupied territories, 19 per cent favoured autonomy for Palestinians, and 16 per cent the formation of a Palestinian state. Only 12 per cent said they did not approve of any territorial compromise.

Mr Shamir, who announced the names of his hardline conference team yesterday, appeared to be attempting to project a more compromising image ahead of the talks. "It will be difficult," he said in an interview published in *The New York Times* yesterday. "It will be complicated. There will be many obstacles in these negotiations, maybe many crises. But we have to begin because one thing is clear: without negotiations, we will never get peace. We are used to taking risks in war, and we have to be ready to take risks for peace."

Despite his pronouncement there appeared to be few risk-takers in his delegation, announced yesterday. Apart from Mr Shamir, the team includes: Benjamin Netanyahu, the deputy foreign minister; Elhan Ben Eliezer, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee; Uzi Landau and Sara Doron, Likud members of the Knesset; Yossi Ben Aharon, director-general of the prime minister's office; Eliakim Rubinstein, the cabinet secretary; Yossi Haddas, the foreign ministry director-general; Eytan Ben-Tsur, the ministry's deputy director-general; Zalman Shoval, the ambassador to Washington; Shlomo Ben Ami, the ambassador to Spain; Salai Meridor and Yekuta Mor, defence ministry officials; and Assad Assad, a leader of the Druze community.



Family farewell: Faisal Husseini, the leader of the Palestinian delegation at the Middle East peace talks next week, saying goodbye yesterday to his daughter, right, and his wife in Jerusalem

## Arafat to discuss ceasefire

Tunis — Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has said that he is prepared to discuss a ceasefire with Israel to help moves towards peace in the Middle East. But he said Israel would have to talk to him first.

"We are ready to examine positively any official offer [from Israel] with a view to mutual arrangements between the two parties in order to facilitate a peaceful outcome," Mr Arafat told a press conference in Tunis. He was responding to a question from Yuzi Mahnaimi of the Israeli newspaper, *Yediot Ahronot*, who asked whether the PLO would consider goodwill gestures such as a ceasefire to help the peace process. The PLO is barred from the talks.

Mr Arafat left open the question of whether any ceasefire would include a halt to the intifada in the occupied territories. "The cause of the intifada is the occupation," he said. (Reuters)

## Cash for PLO

Tunis — Saudi Arabia has sent the Palestine Liberation Organisation a cheque for nearly £1.75 million collected from private donors, Abu Ala, the director of the PLO's economic and financial department, said. The gift came from the Saudi committee for the support of Palestinian combatants. (Reuters)

## Oil fires capped

Kuwait — Firefighters say they have capped all but 34 of 732 oil wells set alight or damaged by retreating Iraqi troops in February. The international teams fighting the fires expect the remaining wells to be capped within two weeks. The last well will be capped by Kuwaitis. (Reuters)

## Turks renew attacks on Iraqi Kurd bases

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKISH aircraft and troops attacked Kurd bases in northern Iraq yesterday for the third time in three months. The attacks were in retaliation for raids by Kurdish separatist guerrillas on police posts in villages on the Turkish side of the border.

General Dogan Gures, Turkey's chief of staff, told the Anatolian News Agency: "We are striking targets on the border and a few miles inside Iraq." Earlier he met senior Turkish military commanders in the area of operations.

It has emerged that, as well as reportedly killing five soldiers in an ambush on Wednesday, activists of the Kurdish Workers' party launched a mortar and rocket assault on three border posts, including one where they earlier this month killed 11 soldiers. That attack prompt-

ed the second Turkish incursion into Iraq since Western troops withdrew from the Kurds' "safe haven" in northern Iraq.

Yesterday, however, a spokesman for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of the parties of the (Iraqi) Kurdistan Front, was bitter in his criticism of the Kurdish Workers' party. Serchil Kazaz, a spokesman in Ankara, complained that separatist Turkish Kurds were taking advantage of the weakness of their northern Iraqi brethren. "They act and we pay the price," Mr Kazaz made it clear that the Kurdistan Front was determined not to allow parties outside the front to operate in the area although it would be for the leadership to decide whether to take action against the Kurdish Workers' party.

## Peace steps lead Madrid a merry dance

Madrid — Organising an international peace conference at the drop of a hat is very complicated, said Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, with some understatement (Harry Debelius writes).

After the announcement that Madrid would be the venue for the Middle East peace talks starting on Wednesday, the Spanish administration had just 12 days to produce the physical,

technical and security elements needed by up to a dozen high-level diplomatic missions. The announcement left the prime minister's office so short of help that, it is said, Rosa Conde, the government's spokesman, spent part of her week-end snatching adaptors from offices in her department and buying them up in the shops so that journalists and diplomats can connect their "foreign" portable comput-

ers, typewriters, recorders and so on to Spanish wall sockets.

"Spain is going to furnish just what they asked us for," said Jorge Dezcallar, the director-general for African and Middle East policy. "The Americans will provide the music, the participants will do the dancing, and we've been called upon to provide the ballroom."

Among the chief problems faced by the planners are the

customary traffic jams between the Royal Palace, now used as a museum, where the talks will be held, and the building normally used for trade fairs where the world's media will be housed. The authorities are considering blocking traffic at frequent intervals to clear the way. But, as one Madrid motorist put it, that would not be considered conducive to peace — at least not in the Spanish capital.

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## Shells rain down on beleaguered Adriatic city as Yugoslav enemies negotiate in The Hague

## Croat troops tell of terror among Dubrovnik civilians



Under pressure: Stipe Mesic, the federal president of Yugoslavia, in pensive mood before the Yugoslav peace conference in The Hague yesterday

**SHELLING** continued around the besieged Adriatic port of Dubrovnik yesterday as Croat soldiers revealed that the city was poorly defended and that its population now lived in terror of repression and even a sacking of the town by Yugoslav troops.

The soldiers, just back from fighting in Dubrovnik, say the lack of weapons, trained men and any co-ordinated defence strategy may now mean it is too late to prevent capture of the "Pearl of the Adriatic" by the Montenegrin unit of the Yugoslav army, which has been steadily tightening its grip around the town for more than three weeks.

"It's chaos in there," said Robert, aged 23, who left the area on Monday. "Apart from ordinary guns we have been trying to defend the whole region with two 40-year-old 120mm artillery pieces and one heavy machinegun."

He was one of four Croat national guardsmen who have come to Zagreb to bury Davor, aged 23, the fifth man in their team, who was killed by a tank shell last Sunday. The five of them operated as a special "red beret" unit hunting snipers inside Dubrovnik. The survivors all asked that their surnames not be used.

They said more men and weapons had been smuggled in since Sunday but, accord-

Civilians were left defenceless and in a state of panic as police were the first to flee from the assault by federal forces, Tim Judah writes

ing to Damir, the dead man's brother: "The army are practically there, it is very, very late now."

Robert said the reason the army had not already taken Dubrovnik, besieged since October 1, was that it did not know how many defenders there were. The four said morale among the defenders was low and that police had caused panic among the civilian population by being

among the first to desert their posts during army attacks.

Drazen, aged 25, who was with Davor when he was killed, said ambulance drivers refused to go to the front because they were afraid. He was fired at as he ran a naval blockade in a speedboat to bring Davor's body out.

The young men, all well-educated, said they had

joined the Croatian national guard as a team of five life-long friends. "Just before the siege began, we decided to go to Dubrovnik," Tomica, aged 23, said. We rang the town and they said we should come. Our officers here in Zagreb said we could go but refused to let us take the guns they had issued us. We had some of our own but we also went to Austria to buy more. The Austrians are very greedy and although they are not supposed to sell to us we had enough money and bought some in a gunshop in Graz. We then smuggled them back into Croatia by night."

The group said they had operated virtually autonomously. Most of the defence of the Dubrovnik area was conducted by similar small groups. "Most of the officers are absolutely incapable," Tomica said. "Most of them are just small-time politicians."

The four said that, except around Vukovar and Osijek in Eastern Croatia, most of the republic's defence was completely haphazard. They also believe the official Croatian death toll in the war—more than 1,200—is less

than a tenth of the true figure.

The four attribute the disaster of Dubrovnik to several factors, including the arrogance of the population. "They believed nobody would dare attack Dubrovnik and that Europe would not allow it," Tomica said. The four also suspect that Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, has done little to help for cynical political reasons. "He thinks that the worse it is for Dubrovnik, the better it is to score political points," Tomica added.

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Croatian crackdown, page 12



Tudjman: accused of cynically doing nothing

## Leaders meet for talks

From TOM WALKER  
IN THE HAGUE

TALKS within the framework of the Yugoslav peace conference virtually broke down yesterday, but a separate bilateral meeting between the leaders of warring Serbia and Croatia gave rise to hopes of a permanent ceasefire around the medieval fortress of Dubrovnik.

While Lord Carrington, the peace conference chairman, was restricted to discussing human rights issues with negotiators from the six Balkan republics, Croatia's president, Franjo Tudjman, and Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic agreed to hold separate talks—the first time they have met face to face since being invited to Moscow two weeks ago by President Gorbachev.

"I am forced to believe Milosevic when he tells me that he will do his best to end hostilities in Dubrovnik and Vukovar in order to create the conditions for peace and an end to the serbo-Croatian conflict," said Mr Tudjman afterwards. "The only way out of this war is to negotiate."

Meanwhile Lord Carrington denounced the continued bombardment of Dubrovnik—described by Mr Tudjman as "the pearl of Croatia"—and Vukovar, and regretted that the Yugoslav federal army general Veljko Kladjevic had not come to The Hague.

## Threat of unrest grows in run-up to Polish elections

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

TENSIONS ran high just before Poland's first completely free elections as hundreds of angry miners, factory workers and pensioners yesterday marched on the Polish parliament building.

Politicians talked of a "Bucharest scenario"—in which miners are apparently used to destabilise the country. President Walesa warned that the communists were trying to stir up social unrest to stay in the political game. Under a power-sharing deal, the former communist party had a big slice of the seats in parliament but is expected to

transported from Silesia—smacked of a political ploy. They had sent a threatening letter to parliament. It read: "If parliament does not react to our protests, there may be mob law and terrorist attacks by the people who have been driven to desperation."

The former communists—now called Social Democrats—denied that they were behind the protests. Nervous police cordons surrounded the parliament to stop the miners, who later dispersed peacefully. The miners say their grievance is a bill on pensions which would scale down some higher pensions and only fractionally increase the pensions of the poor.

The protests will also affect the outcome of the election. It seems likely that the party of Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, the prime minister—the Liberal Democratic Congress, which is committed to radical free market reforms—will suffer and the parties that emphasise social welfare will benefit. That is why Mr Walesa has been speaking out against the former communists.

Opinion polls suggest the strongest party will be the Democratic Union, led by Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the former prime minister, but it will need to form a coalition. A leading member of the party, Jacek Kuron, urged yesterday that the president form a transitional government of experts which would guarantee a measure of social stability while a coalition and a programme are worked out. Mr Kuron fears that there will be a dangerous hiatus after the election which could be exploited by someone able to stir up workers.

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Walesa: speaking out against communists

lose this after Sunday's elections. Mr Walesa said: "The deadly battle with the old system, the *nomenklatura* and the reds, to determine the future shape of Poland is still raging on." Speaking on Polish television, he added: "The people should understand that the values of the left do not match the Polish spirit."

There have been street protests throughout the week on Thursday, farmers rattled the fence of the presidential palace to press for concessions. But the miners' demonstration—25 buses of miners were

## Ukraine shuns union

From ROBERT SEELY  
IN KIEV  
AND MARY DEJEVSKY  
IN MOSCOW

THE Ukraine yesterday formally refused to take part in union-wide political structures, ending any hope that President Gorbachev may have had of transforming the former Soviet Union into a confederation of states.

Yesterday's declaration said that Kiev would be "unwise to join inter-republican structures which lead to the Ukraine becoming part of another state". Volodymyr Grinev, the deputy chairman of the republic's parliament, said: "The Ukraine will not be part of any political bloc."

In another move to lay the legal foundations of a Ukrainian state in time for a December 1 independence referendum, parliament voted for a package of economic measures, envisaging the creation of a foreign trade bank, a separate currency and a modicum of encouragement for private property.

In Moscow, authorities yesterday ordered police to strengthen security at two of the city's main railway stations and two domestic airports to prevent any outbreak of civil unrest. The action was taken in the light of a situation where, as one deputy told the Russian parliament, "there are enough matches in this city to cause a conflagration".

The immediate cause of the alert was a demonstration earlier in the day which blocked traffic around the Russian parliament and the headquarters of Moscow city council and shut off one of the main bridges across the Moskva river, causing havoc during the morning rush-hour. The blockade was mounted by taxi drivers protesting about the murder of a colleague and calling for action to halt the decline in law and order.

According to the drivers, 30 taxi drivers have been killed in the past three months by passengers who either refuse to pay their fare or try to rob the driver of his takings.

## EC poised to sign treaty on mutual recognition of visas

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN and its European Community partners are about to sign a treaty providing for the mutual recognition of tourist visas in all 12 EC member countries.

The treaty would make it much easier for visitors from Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Third World to move around Europe. A Jordanian or Russian with a visa for Portugal for example, would be able to travel to London and stay for up to three months without a British visa.

The treaty has been ready to sign since June, but has been held up by Spanish objections over the inclusion of Gibraltar. Initially, Britain was suspicious that the agreement would be a first step towards abolishing all internal frontiers within the community, a move envisaged as part of the 1992 single market.

As a compromise, the treaty does not mention frontier

controls. Someone arriving in Dover with a Dutch visa would still be subject to immigration checks and possible questioning. Britain believes that without this right terrorists and drug-smugglers would find it easier to enter the country.

The treaty envisages some harmonisation of the list of countries whose citizens need visas for all EC members. At present there is a core of around 60, including China, the Soviet Union and most of the Middle East. Other countries such as Poland need visas for Britain but not for Schengen members. France has the biggest visa list; Britain is midway between the most liberal and the most restrictive nations.

The treaty has been negotiated by the 12 governments without reference to the European Commission. Next week John Major is likely to cite it during difficult talks on im-

migration in Bonn with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. Herr Kohl is pressing for immigration and asylum policies to be made community responsibilities and included in the treaty on political union. Britain opposes any such step, insisting these areas must be left to individual governments.

Germany, however, has taken a tough stand recently, and immigration now looks like being one of the most intractable issues at the Maastricht summit. Bonn has been overwhelmed by asylum-seekers, provoking riots and leading Herr Kohl's government to propose changing the constitution to make it harder for bogus refugees to stay. Given the opposition of the Social Democrats, Chancellor Kohl appears to be hoping that a common EC policy will be more restrictive enabling his government to overrule the constitution.

## Honecker handover rumoured

By MARY DEJEVSKY

SPECULATION mounted yesterday that Moscow might be on the verge of handing over Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, to the German authorities by a decision of the Russian Federation leadership. The German foreign minister, Hans Dietrich Genscher, arrived in Moscow unexpectedly yesterday evening and his first scheduled meeting was with Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister.

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, said recently that he regarded Germany's request for Herr Honecker's return as justified, and yesterday the Russian Federation's justice minister told the republic's parliament that only the courts should decide the former leader's fate, not political considerations. He said that Herr Honecker had been removed from Germany by "wiles and deception".

## SS chief 'shot Jews by dozen'

Bonn—A former SS commander of a ghetto in Poland shot groups of Jews and also trained his guard dog to savage people, the court in Stuttgart heard yesterday on the 26th day of the trial of Josef Schwammberger for war crimes (Jan Murray writes).

Siegfried Kallerguann, who said he was Herr Schwammberger's driver at Przemysl ghetto, said he saw the defendant use his pistol to kill groups of up to 12 Jews. "Zack, zack, zack, zack, he shot people into a mass grave. Sometimes there were eight, sometimes 12," Herr Kallerguann said he watched as the dog was ordered to tear people apart, including an 18-year-old girl.

## Riot in Athens

Athens—Twenty people were injured, the city polytechnic was set on fire and shops were looted in clashes between police and students demanding more spending on education. Witnesses said riot police fired tear gas at protesters who threw petrol bombs. Forty-nine people were arrested. (Reuters)

## Crossing closes

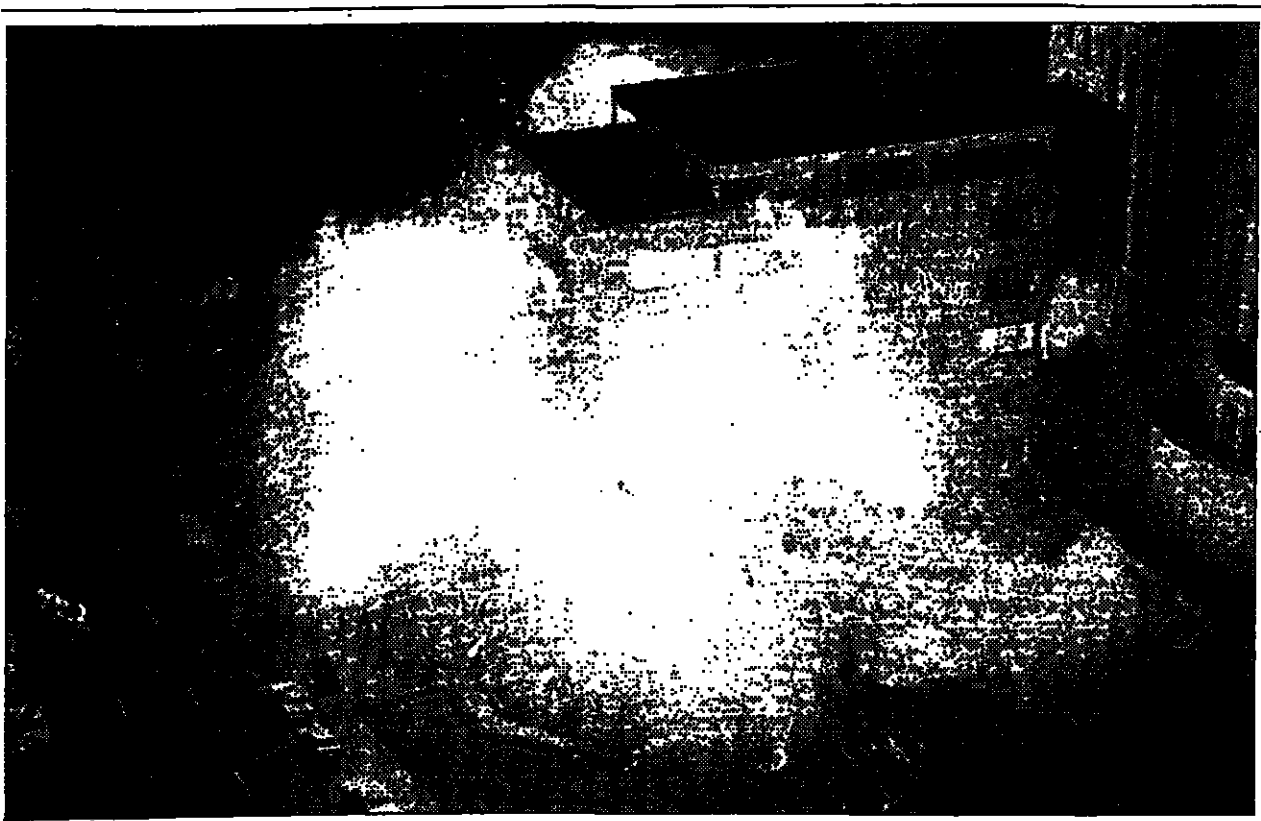
Moscow—Brest, the Soviet Union's busiest western border post, will close next Friday until it finds a way to cope with the tens of thousands of tourists daily trying to cross into Poland, Tass reported. The chief sanitary officer of the Belorussian city has called the border area an "epidemiological time-bomb". (AP)

## Greek ruling

Athens—The Greek Supreme Court agreed to an Italian request to extradite Abdullah Khaled, the Palestinian accused of masterminding the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship. Italy sentenced Khaled in his absence in 1987. A passenger in a wheelchair, Leon Klinghoffer, died in the hijack. (Reuters)

## Counted out

Rome—The city authorities have imposed a one-day ban on cars with even-numbered registration plates to cut down pollution levels. The ban will be extended to odd-numbered cars if there is no improvement. Naples already operates a similar system when pollution levels are high. (Reuters)

Out takes the old Orlando city hall in Florida enveloped in flames just before collapsing and blowing out tons of debris. The fire, for the benefit of film crews working on *Lethal Weapon 3*, was also an unconventional demolition method

## Italy pits super-police against might of Mafia

From PAUL BOMPARD  
IN ROME

THE Italian government yesterday launched what has become known as "the FBI, Italian-style" in the latest desperate attempt to combat the apparently invincible expansion of the Mafia.

This new elite corps of crime-fighters will attack a network of criminal organisations which over the past two decades has graduated from drug trafficking and protection rackets to finance big business and, all too often, politics. They have spread from Sicily and the deep south

to the big cities of central and northern Italy.

Yet even as the cabinet was putting the finishing touches to the FBI-style force, the chamber of deputies was shaken by the discovery that an MP had used the bank inside the parliament building to cash a number of large cheques signed by a convicted Mafia chief.

The foundation of this new anti-Mafia force of "untouchables" comes at a time when it seems that all efforts to beat organised crime are destined to fail. In the past, the Mafia (or the 'Ndrangheta or the Camorra, respectively based

in Calabria and Naples), has assassinated most of the police chiefs and magistrates who posed a serious threat. It has also publicly gunned down private citizens who dared to refuse to pay protection or to make a public stand against the Mafia.

Recently, tight links between organised crime and politics have come to light, and three magistrates in Palermo are under investigation for granting house arrests to Mafia chiefs already convicted of murder, drug trafficking, and corruption.

In the past year, Mafia-related crimes have jumped by

73 per cent, and there is a growing fear that law, order and honesty are doomed to lose a war against crime, violence, and corruption. Even Milan, which used to look down with contempt on the crime-riddled south, was recently rocked by a scandal in the city administration involving bribery and corruption for planning permission for property development, financed with money of dubious provenance.

The "FBI" project, brainchild of Vincenzo Scotti, the interior minister, involves the use of selected officers from the state police, the paramilitary carabinieri, and the Guardia di Finanza, the police force which deals with financial crime, tax evasion and smuggling, in a single body dealing specifically with organised crime. They will work in conjunction with a special office of investigating magistrates trained or experienced in Mafia investigation.

The results of past anti-Mafia offensives are hardly encouraging. Even the superlatives of the early 1980s, when hundreds of suspected Mafia chiefs and foot soldiers were tried together, hardly made a dent in the lucrative operations of the crime syndicates.

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By PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FROM GAVIN BELL IN DURBAN

After the forthcoming all-party talks had agreed on constitutional principles and the convening of a constituent assembly, an "interim government of national unity" would be in charge for up to 18 months, the ANC proposed. Pretoria has already made clear that these proposals are unacceptable.

## by TIM RICHARDS

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## Intolerance in church

Daniel Johnson on the perils of hunting racists

Wander into almost any London church service this Sunday — Anglican, Roman Catholic or Nonconformist — and you will be struck by the ethnic variety of the congregation. Anybody aware of this diversity will be puzzled by the report of the Committee on Black Anglican Concerns, *Seeds of Hope*, published this week. Subtitled "Survey on Instruments for Combating Racism in the Diocese of the Church of England", it accuses the church of having utterly failed its black members.

The authors conducted an enquiry into the "structures" and "strategies" of each diocese devoted to raising awareness of Anglican racism. In part, *Seeds of Hope* is about jobs and power: the main criterion of success in the pursuit of "racial justice" is the number of paid staff employed, commissions and committees established, of racism-awareness training for clergy, resource centres and educational initiatives. Anti-racism as a vehicle for bureaucratic empire-building is familiar in local government. It only becomes sinister when it is inspired by a puritan zeal which brooks no opposition.

This pamphlet documents the spread of just such a species of secularised puritanism. It mentions in tones of contempt the mild bemusement of some, mainly rural, dioceses in the face of questionnaires about their initiatives. "The problem for us simply doesn't exist," one diocese replied. Instead of treating this as a valid response, the committee's researchers accuse the clergy in question of "misunderstanding" the issue. Those who doubt whether this "cancerous potential" is ubiquitous in the church are reclassified as part of the problem. The same goes for anyone who spoke against racial quotas in the composition of the General Synod when it was debated in 1989.

The chairman of the Committee on Black Anglican Concerns is the Bishop of Croydon, Wilfred Wood. His foreword to the report quotes approvingly a book by Peter Fryer, *Staying Power*, which accuses the Anglican church of having sanctioned the slave trade and refers to the riots of 1981 as an "uprising". Bishop Wood goes on to blame racism for the fact that many black Anglicans have left the church and concludes that "eradication of racism... is not some optional liberal gesture towards black people, because racism cannot co-exist with the Holy Spirit either in the human heart or in the Body of Christ."

A moral imperative is thus postulated by the bishop, according to which his own church has failed throughout its history. He makes active participation in his campaign for racial justice a prerequisite of Christian life and salvation.

Such an indictment is likely to be alien to most ordinary black Anglicans, who love their church and its traditions. Those who have left may have been drawn to the more charismatic pentecostal movement, or to the Catholic church. Others may no longer attend any church, and their reasons are likely to be the same as those of any other young people. The promotion of ecclesiastical anti-racism, though it may assuage the guilty consciences of some white clergy, will not bring back lost black parishioners to the Anglican fold; it may drive some away.

As a Roman Catholic, I can feel detached from the spectacle of the Church of England's discomfiture, whether over race, sex or liturgy. But as an Englishman, I regret the dissipation of part of our common religious heritage.

John Henry Newman, the greatest theologian to whom both churches have some claim, anticipated this Anglican malaise in his Oxford sermons of the early 1830s. He preached that "circumstances are but the subject-matter, and not the rule of our conduct, nor in any true sense the cause of it." Of the "persons of narrow views" of his day, he wrote: "They become alarmists, and they forget that the issue of all things, and the success of their own cause (if it be what they think it), is sealed and secured by Divine promise..."

What seems to this outsider to be happening is a substitution of specific programmes of action, based on a historically and ethically questionable analysis, for the universal Christian principles which even the Reformation could not permanently excise from the Anglican canon.



...and moreover  
**PHILIP HOWARD**

Nepotism is the English vice, cronyism the American. It is not surprising that a country with a hereditary monarchy and an upper chamber of the legislature composed largely of hereditary members should believe in looking after its own kith and kin first. When Lord Hanson goes on a sabre-toothed prowl, he looks for companies where lots of men with the same name, and the family features, sit round the boardroom table. From Pitts to Salisbury to Macmillans to Howards, British politics is full of dynasties. Our still current though slightly whiskery phrase "Bob's your uncle" commemorates A.J. Balfour's promotion by his uncle Robert (Lord Salisbury), the Tory prime minister, to the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1887. We laugh at nepotism, and are a bit ashamed of it. When the boy Mark showed signs of trading upon Mrs Thatcher's position as prime minister, he was shipped off to the United States without his feet touching the ground.

In America, a far less nepotistic society than England, presidents tend to be embarrassed by their rapscallion relations rather than give them jobs. Lyndon Johnson had to hush up the pranks of his brother, Sam Houston, and Jimmy Carter was not helped by his boozey brother Billy. But even Jimmy Carter was not daft enough to do a Jimmy's younger brother, and make Billy Attorney General. John F. Kennedy did make his brother

Attorney General, and I suppose he is the exception to American egalitarianism and anti-nepotism. He knew there was going to be a stink about the appointment, and told his crony, Ben Bradlee: "I think I'll open the front door of the Georgetown house some morning about 2am, look up and down the street, and, if there's no one there, I'll whisper, 'It's Bobby'." When the appointment was made, there was the predictable outcry from critics that it was odd to put a man who had never tried a case in court at the head of the Justice Department. Kennedy replied, with outrageous cheek: "I can't see that it's wrong to give him a little legal experience before he goes out to practice law."

But in general, Americans go in for preferring cronies rather than brothers. They have a college fraternity, boys' locker-room network, though, by Old Harrovian tie and Freemason's apron, we suffer from it too.

In general, Americans disapprove of the practice of promoting one's own family. Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Dr Horatio Turpin in 1807: "The field of public office will not be perverted by me into a family property." Walter Lippmann said: "Cronyism is the curse of journalism. After many years I have reached the firm conclusion that it is impossible for any objective newspaperman to be a friend of a president." By Bernard Ingham and Joe Haynes, the truth applies over here too. I gather that the same

system applies in Japan, and no doubt all over the world.

But it is a truth universally acknowledged that the English are the masters of nepotism. The name looks Latin. *Nepos* means a grandson, or — less importantly — a grand-daughter. Then it came to mean any old descendant. It was also a Roman family name, for example, Cornelius Nepos, the biographer who was Cicero's familiar chum. The Romans went in for looking after their families — why else do you suppose Augustus and his family became emperors? — but they did not have a name for nepotism. We invented the word for the family from the old Spanish province of Valencia. When Rodrigo Borgia (1431-1501) was remarkably elevated to become Pope Alexander VI, he guarded his back by appointing his family to all the positions of power around him. His son Cesare was installed as an archbishop when only 16, and his young nephew Giovanni got a cardinal's hat.

The Roman Catholic church gets up to rum things and corrupt practices all the time, but the frequent Borgias at the trough created such a scandal that we invented the happy term nepotism for what was going on. The word entered all the languages of Europe, and was extended from politics to business, and any other field where such family favouritism and Bob's-your-uncle goes on. It may not be much, but it is one field at least in which Britain still leads the world.

Kathleen Wilkes, just returned from Dubrovnik, describes the Serbian destruction of this glorious city

## A Croatian crucifixion

property, though when I was in Dubrovnik the naval bombardment killed very few people directly. It did kill a great Serbian poet, Milan Milisic. (And immediately Belgrade broadcasters put out the lie that he was killed by "Ustashi" — Croatian fascists. His immensely brave wife Jelena, who is also a Serb, begged me to use Dubrovnik's one remaining satellite phone to inform his sons, who live in Britain, of the truth of his death.) The naval bombardment was also responsible for deaths in the shelters — from heart attacks.

I had an easy time. The hard thing was to do nothing; but for me there were things to do. I became unofficial temporary English-language secretary to the mayor of Dubrovnik. He is Pero Poljanec, a good man, and I think a great man. We had one

satellite telephone, our sole link to anywhere outside Dubrovnik. When he had the time — and of course he was working night and day on matters with higher priority — we wrote letters.

First we wrote to "friends of Dubrovnik", then to editors of newspapers around the world, then to heads of state. Perhaps we were spitting into the wind, but at least we had the impression that we were doing something that might have results. I could at least pretend to be useful, by telephoning the BBC World Service, or Lord Carrington or Michael Foot (a great friend of Dubrovnik), or by writing letters to friends and to newspapers.

There was a tragicomic side to my experiences. There is an agreement signed by both sides to allow one refugee boat, the

ferry *Slavija*, to break the blockade. Even so, the navy — now the Serbian navy — repeatedly stopped and boarded it as it was carrying out of Dubrovnik mothers with small babies, pregnant women, people in wheelchairs and on crutches and the EC observers.

But the Serbs are not terribly good sailors. On one occasion, as we were leaving Split, they tried to board again. The gunship went round and round the ferry. Then it went around it backwards. Maybe this was meant to impress us, but instead it managed only to soak the sailors on board.

The gunship then managed to come close enough for one man to get onto the gangplank, but he wasn't happy to be alone, and so his boat went around and around — backwards more than forwards — and eventually

landed two more people by crashing into the *Slavija* so hard that both craft were damaged. So were the passengers.

After making a thorough nuisance of themselves, the Serbs wanted to leave. But their boat couldn't manage the manoeuvre. It tried going forwards; it tried going backwards. Then it tried going sideways. It backed off and contemplated the matter, and then came back again, and failed again. I still do not know what those three stranded boarders did. Probably the *Slavija* had three reluctant and unwelcome refugees as passengers all the way to Rijeka.

Dubrovnik has welcomed thousands upon thousands of European tourists over the years, but I can assure readers of *The Times* that Europeans are not very welcome there now. For all it gets from its

neighbours are words. And words are of no help against the Serbian bombs. Words will not get water to the hospitals. Words do not help me to understand why, when I jumped into the sea at six o'clock in the morning with a bar of soap, I found corpses floating in the bay.

The resources of the former federal army (which was equipped, in the bad old days, to resist a possible attack from the Soviet Union) are all now directed against Croatia. The Croats have hunting rifles and crossbows.

Dubrovnik has no military or strategic importance. It is a great and glorious city, which is now being crucified. For what reason? And what is Europe doing? What is Britain doing? These are the questions the refugees on the *Slavija* asked me. And I had no answer.

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## Dark Gentleman of the theatre

Benedict Nightingale takes a look at biographies of Shakespeare and finds only a hall of mirrors

Yet another biography of the Sweet Swan of Avon was published this week: to which the first response must be a hoarse wail of disbelief. Somebody who could see and study only our moon would hardly set up as an astronomer and write a history of the galaxy. Yet a similar limitation seems only have to goaded on a zillion bardolaters, culminating in Anthony Burgess, A.L. Rowse and now Garry O'Connor, author of *William Shakespeare: A Life* (Hodder & Stoughton, £19.95).

Two centuries ago, the great scholar George Steevens wrote that the only certainties about Shakespeare were that "he was born at Stratford-on-Avon, married and had children there, went to London, where he commenced actor and wrote poems and plays, returned to Stratford, made his will, died and was buried". We know more about his business dealings now. He had shares in theatres, pursued others and was himself pursued for debt, invested heavily in property, and seemed interested in establishing himself as a gentleman of substance, especially in Stratford. But otherwise there is relatively little to add to Steevens's formulation.

For some of us, that is a huge relief. Think of the effect of more information on the one British industry that badly needs to be contracted, criticism of Shakespeare. Imagine the result if, like Ibsen, he had developed a weakness for very young women, or like Strindberg, had made a series of awful marriages. No study of *Lear* or *Hamlet* would be complete without intrusive slabs of up-to-the-minute psychology. Disinterested appreciation would give way to impudent personal speculation. At least in our ignorance we can see the plays for what they are: self-sufficient works of art.

Yet that has not discouraged the biographers, from Aubrey onwards. Shakespeare worked as a schoolmaster, he bummed round Italy, he fought in the Netherlands. He killed calves for his father — by this account a butcher, not the glover we know him to have been — declaiming the while "in the high style". He was a clandestine Roman Catholic. He was a wild boozier in his youth, and died after a drinking bout with Jonson. He caught the pox. He first went to London to escape the landowner Lucy, whose deer he had poached. "The Will of all Wills" was a Warwickshire Will, as a chorus proudly sang at a Stratford jamboree in 1769. "The thief of all things was a Warwickshire thief".

Oral tradition, from which several of these tales derive, may embody some truth — but who can say what? Similarly, who can be sure that the Dark Lady was more than a poetic fiction, or that Mr W.H., the "onlie begetter" of the sonnets, was not simply William Hall, their printer? That has not, of course, prevented a myriad candidates being suggested for each of them, usually on the slimmest evidence. For the dogmatic Rowse, for instance, the Dark Lady is Emilia Lanier, promiscuous daughter of a musician; but his proof of her hue is no more than an Italian father. We might almost as easily accept Oscar Wilde's suggestion that Mr W.H. was William Hughes, a child actor and Shakespeare's "darling boy".

As this shows, the Bard is a Rorschach blot in which people find their own faces. If Wilde believed him to have been homosexual, Frank Harris's biography saw him as an exorbitantly sensual heterosexual, like Harris himself. E.E. Ryson Strachey declared him "bored with people and real life". Bagehot saw him as Bage-



hot, down to a shared taste for hunting. If the 18th century tended to think him a bit of a lad — wasn't Anne Hathaway pregnant on her wedding day? — the 19th century preferred to imagine him leaving Stratford in genteel dismay at an embarrassing marriage and hobnobbing with the geatry, even with the Queen herself.

If you want more such examples of biographical narcissism, read S. Schoenbaum's *Shakespeare's Lives*, which has just been revised and republished by Oxford University Press. It is a long, entertaining catalogue of

scholarly desperation. It also makes an obvious point. Shakespeare is so important, yet so maddeningly elusive, that the literati have been driven to ever wilder excesses in their efforts to fill out his portrait. The 19th-century scholar John Collier actually forged several documents, including one showing Shakespeare living in Southampton in 1609. Rather earlier, one William Ireland had fooled many with a series of letters from Shakespeare to his patron,

Southampton, and to his wife in Stratford: "thou art as a tallie Cedarre street-chynge forthe its branches and succourynge the smallere Plants fromme pynnyngge Winnetere".

Others, more frantic still, have become Baconians or, starting with J. Thomas Looney, have attributed the plays to the Earl of Oxford, who died before *Macbeth*, *Lear* and *The Tempest* were written. Lacking conclusive evidence in this world, these anti-Shakespeareans have sometimes turned to the next. The daughter of Edward Dowden, a distinguished commentator on the plays, held a series of seances in 1942, at which the spirits pro-

vided a most reconciling solution. Shakespeare worked out the plots, Oxford filled out the characters, and Bacon suggested revisions.

Garry O'Connor is not to be numbered among such eccentrics; yet he, too, has his moments. He believes the discredited suggestion that the young Shakespeare was farmed out to wealthy Catholic Lancastrians, the Hoghton family. He convinces himself, on no good evidence, that he fought in the Low Countries. We know that Shakespeare's father, John, went from riches to rags, but O'Connor goes on to present him as a brutally macho drunk who rejected his son's love "mistaking it for an emotional demand he could not satisfy".

Unsurprisingly, all this left William with hang-ups which were not altogether cured by his marriage to "complex, many-sided" Anne. He may have had the odd affair with the Dark Lady, and could have used a sex therapist to help him "explore and define the health and validity of his emotions", we are told, but he was basically a "family man" for whom, as *Antony and Cleopatra* shows, his wife was his mistress. In short, he only needed a season ticket to help him commute from London to Stratford, and he would have been the most modern of husbands.

O'Connor's biography must await the reviewers' verdicts; but there is at least one thing to be said for it. However questionable he uses them, he knows and loves Shakespeare's plays. Perhaps he will encourage some readers to look at them again, on the page or the stage or both.

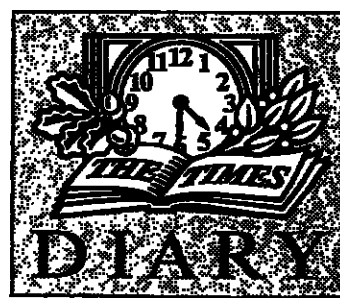
For that is what matters. That is all that matters. There are searching histories and warm, outgoing comedies; there are plays charged with struggle and pain; and, finally, there are romances, full of forgiveness and reconciliation. Together, they may perhaps be said to chronicle the journey of a mind, heart and soul. That is biography enough.

## Widowed, and exiled too

DESPITE eleven-hour appeals by the Polish ambassador in London, the widow of one of Poland's national heroes will be denied a vote in tomorrow's Polish elections because she cannot prove that she is Polish. Jadwiga Slawoj-Skladkowska, the widow of free Poland's last prime minister, who has lived in London since 1947, is heart-broken at being disenfranchised.

Polish embassies in London and around the world have gone to great lengths to ensure that some of the nation's ten million exiles can vote. An old passport is enough to prove citizenship, but Mrs Slawoj-Skladkowska, aged 87, lost hers almost half a century ago. Yet democracy has to operate by the rules. It makes no difference that her late husband, Felician Slawoj-Skladkowski, who was prime minister from 1936-9, is now a revered figure in Poland. "The embassy tells me I am not Polish," she says. Yet only last year the Polish government exhumed her husband's body in London and ceremoniously reburied it in Poland. To show her appreciation Mrs Slawoj-Skladkowska made a large donation to a Polish charity. "When I did that they accepted me as Polish. I think the officials are still soaked in years of communist ideology."

Mrs Slawoj-Skladkowska has dual citizenship, but has only a British passport. "I offered to show the embassy my card from the wartime Polish army, but they wouldn't accept that. To think that I am being treated like this when my brother, Tadeusz Dolega-Mostowicz, the famous Polish writer, died fighting the Germans in 1939," she says in obvious distress.



The London embassy is not sympathetic. Janusz Duzynski, the press attaché, says: "We have been trying to persuade Warsaw to find a solution."

Mrs Slawoj-Skladkowska can comfort herself that her husband's name will not be forgotten. Although history now records only modest achievements in office, Poles remember him fondly as the man who introduced public lavatories to Warsaw. They still refer to making a visit to the *Slawojka*.

So farewell *Game Roddenberry*. To almost make the split infinitive respectable in polite conversation was an achievement to greatly admire. The *Times* style guide still says infinitives shall "never" be split, except in famous quotations, citing *Roddenberry's* very own "to boldly go". But on Thursday on this page, Bernard Levin insisted on stylistic grounds upon writing: "he was in Vilnius to formally close down the headquarters". He even forbade his sub-editor to cleverly find another way to elegantly make the point.

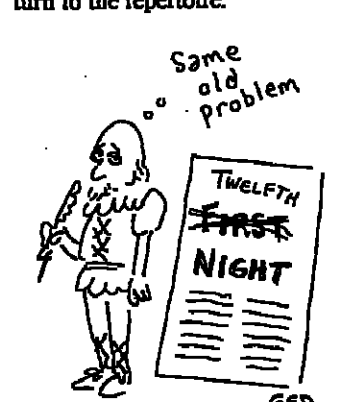
### Acting up

ARE theatrical first nights blighted? No fewer than three openings have been cancelled in London in the last week: the RSC's *Julius Caesar*, Arthur Miller's new play, *The Ride Down Mount Morgan*,

and, in a blaze of publicity, Covent Garden's *Les Huguenots*. The official reason for the postponement of Miller's play is problems with a highly complex set.

The RSC's preview was cancelled on Thursday night due to "technicalities" — namely that it took an hour to change Tobias Hobsell's set between the first and second acts. The RSC had another attempt at a preview last night, and both Miller's play and *Caesar* are expected to have formal openings within a week.

The future of *Les Huguenots* is less certain. Unless Covent Garden can sort out its industrial problems swiftly, the season's run could be lost completely — delaying the premiere until 1997, when the production is scheduled to return to the repertoire.



### Opting out, passively

LABOUR is making great capital in the Langbaurgh by-election out of the decision of the local Cleveland ambulance service to opt out. The move was confirmed by William Waldegrave only last week and Ashok Kumar, Labour's candidate, has called on the secretary of state to come and justify the decision. He might also ask Peter Man-

delson, Labour's former communications director, who is assisting in the campaign, to explain himself. Earlier this summer, Hartlepool, community health council voted on the proposal. The vote was tied and carried only on the casting vote of the chairman, Mandelson, who sits on the council as a local parliamentary candidate, failed to attend the meeting. Worse, until this week he had not attended a meeting in nearly six months.

### Baa-baa red sheep

AUSTRALIAN sheep are suffering from sunburn. The problem is a side-effect of a drug developed to cut costs by causing sheep to shed their fleeces spontaneously. Problems have multiplied ever since the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation announced last month that it had developed a genetically-engineered drug to save wool producers the high wages paid to expert shearers.

The sunburn problem does not arise with hand-shearing, for a sufficient coat is left to protect the sheep's skin. The drug, on the other hand, works by weakening the wool strands, causing the fleece to fall off after about ten days, leaving the animal completely naked. A special sheepskin balm is now being developed to counter the sun's rays.

With only 67 days to go until 1992, a Manchester firm is hoping to cash in on Euro-fervour. Trowance, the flag and bunting manufacturers have launched a Euro-package. It consists of a large EC flag, a Union Jack and two 30 ft lengths of bunting made up of the flags of each EC country and the EC ensign. Sales are said to be picking up nicely, and a brochure has optimistically been sent to Downing Street.





## CRY, UNCLE

The strength of the political system Charles de Gaulle bequeathed France is stability, a stability rooted in the immense power vested in the presidency. Resentment at this power surfaces whenever a French president sinks in public esteem but nobody has any nostalgia for the revolving-door governments of the Fourth Republic. The weakness of this seven-year "elective monarchy", compounded by the state's intervention in French industry, is that if the president catches a political cold, the whole nation is infected. Stability becomes stagnation. Boredom translates into loss of confidence.

With 18 months to run before parliamentary elections and four years of the Mitterrand presidency still to go, France is having a severe fit. The right is deeply and, to many, alarmingly divided, but the left is too discredited to benefit. Ministers have been forbidden to leave Paris without the permission of Edith Cresson, the prime minister, officially to promote efficiency but actually to avoid photographers catching them being pelted with farmdung.

The electorate's sympathy is firmly with protesting nurses, with public sector workers who called a general strike on Thursday "against unemployment" and with laid-off workers demanding reflation, protectionism and, explosively, a crackdown on immigration. The public even appears to back the lawless bands of farmers who, not content with attacking foreign food lorries, government buildings and ministers, sacked an official banquet in the southwest last week.

After a period of industrial peace, France has abruptly lost patience with the anti-inflation policies which have led to falling growth rates and unemployment heading for 10 per cent. Even the government seems to have fallen victim to this disaffection, unable to state its case with any conviction or to hold course. The Socialist party is divided on economic policy and obsessed with the "succession" to M. Mitterrand. The public's cynicism extends to the entire *classe politique*, but its focus is the president himself.

M. Mitterrand must be wishing that his 75th birthday, which falls today, could be postponed or dispensed with altogether. After this week's outpouring of popular discontent, he needs no reminders of his mortality. The president's authority and command of policy have never been more in

question. His handling of what he has called France's "psychological crisis" this week has been not so much devious as indecisive.

On Tuesday, he told the farmers that the government had had enough of their "brutality" and "violence" and that the police would now "do their duty". The next day he bought them off with new tax breaks and early retirement packages. He heaped praise on the rigorous policies of his finance minister, Pierre Bérégovoy, only to laud an inflationary deal, struck a few hours later, for public sector employees. That will not only add £4 billion to the budget deficit but set a pattern for this year's private sector pay negotiations, which open next month.

Until recently M. Mitterrand revelled in his nickname, "Tonton". An avuncular loquacity from domestic disputes saw him through the brief years of cohabitation with a conservative government and has helped him camouflage more recent confusion in French foreign policy. Uncle took the long view. Now the sobriquet accentuates the impression of an old man disappearing in history's slipstream. The new album by Renaud, the iconoclastic balladeer who once rallied French youth to the president, chants "Tonton s'en va... à petits pas" in a song depicting a disappointed old man muttering angrily to his dog that everything is going wrong, a man so far out of touch that he dreams that "the left will return".

France needs the one thing M. Mitterrand is undisposed to offer: early elections to parliament and the presidency. What it will get is hand-to-mouth government. If the recession ends, as ministers have predicted even more frequently than have British Chancellors, the malaise will ease. But until Tonton heads for the misty southwest of Renaud's ironical *aubade*, it will not vanish.

The European Community is being infected by France's domestic unease. Prepared to sabotage the Uruguay Round of global trade negotiations rather than face down its farmers, hostile to opening the EC to Europe's new democracies, clinging to "political union" chiefly as an antidote to German power, France will be difficult to do business with in the *fin de règne*. That is bad not just for France, but for the vitally important debate on Europe's larger destiny before, and after, Maastricht.

## FAIR DEAL FOR TEACHERS

"Teachers' pay should depend on their pupils' exam results," yesterday's scare stories implied that Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, was about to enact just such a link. But the government's evidence to the new School Teachers' Review Body on Thursday shows that nobody wishes to go back to this Victorian way of paying teachers by results. The scare is being stirred up by the teaching unions.

This does not mean that there should be no connection between teacher pay and performance in the classroom. Fewer than 1.5 per cent of classroom teachers get extra for "outstanding ability". Others may be paid more or less than the basic rate by their governing bodies, but this is usually a reflection of their market position — maths and science teachers getting more, arts less — than of their performance.

The government does now want teacher appraisal to inform future decisions on pay, with close attention to a variety of indicators of teacher performance. GCSE and A-level results are but one of those indicators, which also include truancy rates, national curriculum test results and the success of school leavers. The evidence warns that such indicators are only meaningful if allowance is made for the differing abilities of pupils. Ministers accept that offering incentives should not mean penalising the teacher who is performing no more than adequately.

The unions choose to interpret these measured words to mean payment by exam results. They extend that to imply that the government is attacking professionalism in teaching. It is doing nothing of the sort. Not for the first time, the hope must be that teachers themselves can read the evidence of their eyes better than the union leaders who represent them.

This same blindness afflicts the argument heard most strongly from the National Union of Teachers for better pay for teachers. It is true that teachers' average pay is not startlingly high. Male teachers earn an aver-

age of £17,275 compared with £18,455 for the white collar male outside teaching, though women teachers do relatively better. But the average is not the point. The term "teacher" covers a multitude of different activities. To take a class of seven-year-olds is an important and rewarding task. The academic knowledge and skills required, however, are of a different order from those needed to teach physics to 18-year-olds.

To become a teacher as part of a life which includes child-rearing and home-making, and mixes periods of part-time and full-time participation, is to make a rounded contribution to society. But it does not require the same material reward as the dedicated professional, who gives a career completely to teaching and scales the departmental and institutional ladders. Teaching needs a mixture of both, and must pay salaries that attract both. But no service is done to teaching as a whole to imply that it is a single and undivided profession, all sectors of which are uniquely under-rewarded.

Present salaries are proving adequate to attract enough teachers in most categories, certainly while recession makes the job security of teaching so attractive. Recruitment is up 9 per cent and overall vacancies down 20 per cent in a year. But there is a shortage of good heads and deputies. This has persisted despite the 3 per cent extra pay rise, over and above the rest of the profession, rightly granted to heads in their most recent settlement. And too many of the best classroom teachers are still leaving.

The pay review body should resist the government's eagerness to use teacher pay — and thus education generally — as a battering ram against public sector pay generally. But every pound available should be targeted: more for the best classroom teachers and more for heads; more for the specialists in short supply; and more for those whose professional performance and lifelong dedication deserves a professional level of reward.

## CLOCKING ONTO EUROPE

Greenwich Mean Time is, as its name inadvertently suggests, a cruel imposition on the British public. When the nation switches to winter time tonight, Britons will spend around 72,000 man-days turning roughly 300 million timepieces back an hour. Children and pensioners will have their sleep rhythms disturbed, and sales of sleeping pills will soar. Many people will forget about it, to general social embarrassment. More serious, up to 2,000 road accidents, mainly involving children, might be prevented by another hour of daylight in the afternoon. There is thus a good case for synchronisation with most of Western Europe, by keeping the present summer time through the winter and making British Summer Time an hour later.

Such a change would leave GMT redundant, except as a chronological device. Some people, mainly in the north and west of Scotland, would genuinely regret its passing — even to the point of voting against any government that dared to make them go to work long before, instead of just before, sunrise. Fear of the Highlanders' revenge apparently deterred the government from ending the present arrangement, which has lasted 20 years, after publishing a radical

green paper in 1989. The response confirmed opinion poll findings: a majority of the population prefers lighter winter afternoons, but does not care passionately, while a minority strongly opposes any change. For politicians, this means: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Yet there is no reason why a Tory government, hard-pressed in the Celtic fringes as it undoubtedly is, should not cash in on the rising tide of Scottish impatience with Westminster, and do the rest of Britain a favour as well. Devolution, especially in such a harmless area as time-zoning, should no longer be anathema to Downing Street. When Malcolm Rifkind was still at the Scottish Office, he told farmers at Inverurie that Central European Time, which would mean dawn at 10.30am for some Scots, was out of the question. America, he declared, had five time zones without drawbacks.

True enough; and why should Britain not have two? Let Scotland be a separate time zone. Why should not the magic formula of subsidiarity apply to time? A government which promised to abolish GMT, but granted exemption to early birds north of the border, would be rewarded at the ballot box.

## Law lords' ruling on marital rape

From Dr A. T. H. Smith

Sir, The ruling by five law lords (report, October 24) that the husband no longer enjoys spousal immunity in the law of rape has serious constitutional implications, apparently not even touched upon by their lordships. It revives the claim of the law lords to be able to adapt the criminal law to meet changing social conditions and "declare" changes in the law.

The implications of this present ruling are that the courts could, for example, extend the law of blasphemy so that it protected other than the Christian community. For the courts to take a liberal view of the law of assault, which can be said to extend to sexual harassment, would relieve Parliament of the need to legislate on the matter, as it is urged to do by the Equal Opportunities Commission (report, October 23).

The effect of their lordships' ruling is to create a climate of uncertainty such that nobody can say with any precision what is within and what is without the criminal law of England.

Yours faithfully,  
A. T. H. SMITH,  
Gonville and Caius College,  
Cambridge.

## Plight of Iraqi children

From Air Commodore A. Mackie

Sir, As well as dropping bombs, Allied pilots sowed the seeds of long-term trouble when they destroyed Iraq's capacity to look after its children ("Gulf war children 'tying in thousands'", October 23).

Iraqi children who reach the age of five, surviving a mortality rate which has almost quadrupled since the war, will mature while the so-called new world order to whose creation their miseries contributed is taking shape. Their enemy will permeate the whole community of poor Arabs and create yet another theatre of conflict in the Middle East and beyond.

The British, whose perceived status as American stooges will single them out for particular obloquy, should prod their rulers into doing a great deal more than being merely "conscious", as your report quotes their spokesman, of the "breakdown of Iraq's infrastructure" and "distressed" at its consequences for children.

Yours faithfully,  
A. MACKIE (Committee for Just Peace in the Middle East),  
4 Warwick Drive, SW15.

## Defining politics

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, It is of considerable importance, contrary to Lord Shawcross (letter, October 19), to be clear in the definition of political terms. Those on the right feel justifiable indignation when Stalinists or hard-line communists are labelled "conservatives".

But it is equally offensive to use the term "socialist" to encompass both the Soviet communist system and the social democratic movements of Scandinavia and Western Europe — particularly offensive indeed since democratic socialists were often the first victims of Lenin and Stalin, and of the Little Stalin imposed upon central Europe after the war.

## Quality of water

From the Secretary of the Water Services Association

Sir, Mrs Ann Taylor, MP, has stated (report, October 24) on the evidence of a leaked EC letter, that the government has given water companies "licences to pollute". The government must speak for itself. On behalf of the companies, however, I can say that this statement is a travesty of the facts.

These so-called pollution licences are statutory undertakings given to government by each of the companies. They commit the companies to investment in work to be completed by specified dates to correct the few remaining exceedances of

## Snags and boons of organic farming

From Mr Lawrence Woodward

Sir, Elm Farm Research Centre provided the "consultant" referred to in Michael Hornsby's article, "Farmer counts the cost of going organic" (October 21). We looked at aspects of the Goodmans' farm as the basis of a discussion meeting organised by the National Farmers' Union. It did not purport to be a feasibility study or plan.

The article reported that, although after becoming fully organic, the farm's income would increase by £10,000 per year, £40,000 would have to be invested in machinery, manure storage, re-seeding, etc., and that this and the decline in output and income during the conversion period made organic farming too costly to contemplate.

The £40,000 investment covers items such as grass re-seeding, which would normally be incurred on the farm, and manure storage, which will almost certainly be required as pollution controls on farms are tightened.

The conversion can be planned with cash flow and marketing to minimise the income reduction. Our study did not take into account all the marketing opportunities available to this farm. Indeed, the increase in after-conversion income might well be more than the figure quoted.

However, it is undeniable that the period of conversion to organic systems is financially difficult. Other European countries offer conversion grants which have increased organic farming.

Farmers are finding it increasingly difficult to survive. Organic farming offers the potential for a viable business to some farmers. It could do the same for many more if the government was prepared to support it as an alternative to the sterility of set-aside.

Yours faithfully,  
LAWRENCE WOODWARD  
(Co-ordinator),  
Elm Farm Research Centre,  
Hamstead Marshall,  
Nr Newbury, Berkshire,  
October 24.

From Mr Gordon Angell

Sir, Michael Hornsby suggests that large-scale organic farming is not financially viable. There are also serious questions about the fundamental case for organic farming, for example:

Why should pest control through the use of resistant crops be safer than through the use of agrochemicals when resistance simply transfers production of the pesticide from the factory to the plant?

Lord Shawcross fuels our national sense of complacency by referring to Sweden as a "failure". While no one would deny that the country faces considerable challenges, Swedish citizens nevertheless enjoy a standard of living far higher than our own, an unemployment rate of only 3 per cent and public services which are, by and large, more humanely and effectively managed than those in Britain.

If this constitutes failure, perhaps we could do with a bit more of it here in place of some of the "successes" of the past decade.

Yours faithfully,  
VERNON BOGDANOR,  
Brasenose College, Oxford,  
October 19.

EC requirements. Mrs Taylor does not appear to understand the statutory arrangements about water quality in this country and she has so far refused every opportunity for briefing offered by this association.

Her absence yesterday from the Water 2000 conference, together with the absence of every other Labour MP invited, would seem to indicate that they do not wish to get to know the facts. Both the other major parties were represented.

Yours sincerely,  
MICHAEL CARNEY, Secretary,  
The Water Services Association of England and Wales,  
1 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1,  
October 24.

Public transport is not mentioned in Mr Mansell's letter, nor is the impact of the proposed scheme on local residents. If the environmental assessment procedure for new transport infrastructure is going to be worth the paper that the EC directive was written on, then it must not proceed on the assumption that transport means roads. It does not.

Yours etc.,  
LESLIE J. MCINTYRE,  
9 Winslade Road, Brixton, SW2.

From Mr R. E. Meyrick

Sir, The proposed St Austell link road would involve taking land alienable National Trust land. Together with the existing A30 Bodmin bypass and the proposed new route for the A38 it would hem in Lanhydrock on three sides. It would inevitably disturb the peace and tranquillity of this much loved property, visited by over 250,000 people each year.

It is, I believe, accepted that the principal reason for the A390 improvement is to solve local traffic problems mainly at the southern end, and that some improvement to the A391 through the china clay area, north of St Austell, will also be necessary. There would therefore seem to be a *prima facie* case for the investigation of a link using the A391.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Defence systems produced by plants are often far more powerful than man-made pesticides but are not subject to testing.

Where is the logic in arguing that nitrogen leaching from farmyard manure would be any better than nitrogen leaching from mineral fertilisers? Much farmyard manure is not in the form that plants can absorb easily and the nitrate leakage from 100 acres of organically-farmed land is likely to be at least as great as that from 25 acres farmed intensively to produce the same amount of food.

Is there not perhaps a good case for concentrating agricultural production in as little land as possible to release more extensive areas to meet environmental and landscape objectives?

Food production methods must evolve to meet changing social and economic conditions, but the answer is not to step backwards. Much better surely to continue the progress made over the last 40 years through the application of science to evolve modern techniques combining the careful and precise use of fertilisers, crop protection chemicals, new crop varieties and improved husbandry methods.

Yours faithfully,  
G. L. ANGELL (Director),  
BASF plc,  
Lady Lane, Hadleigh,  
Ipswich, Suffolk,  
October 23.

From Sir Julian Rose

Sir, Organic systems go far towards re-establishing a balanced, diverse and sustainable form of agriculture in the face of often devastating land mismanagement. However, no financial assistance has been made available to farmers practising organic methods. Instead, grants are heavily weighted in favour of the restoration of traditional landscape features recently destroyed by previously subsidised intensification schemes.

The market place is not rewarding the organic farmer sufficiently to ensure his survival.

If long-term ecological responsibility and land stewardship are left to market forces alone, while short-term land restoration and "diversification" schemes attract significant financial support, how can governments hope to gain credibility for their supposedly "green" policies?

Yours sincerely,  
JULIAN ROSE,  
Path Hill Farm Cottage,  
Goring Heath,  
Nr Reading, Oxfordshire,  
October 23.

## Dubrovnik bombing

From Mr Anthony R. Suchy

Sir, The bombing of the old town of Dubrovnik has finally laid to rest the lie of the Serb-led federal army that it is occupying parts of Croatia just to protect the Serb minority. Dubrovnik appears to have no strategic significance, only a small Serbian minority and no federal military barracks.

If the wanton destruction of the old port of Dubrovnik, as well as the many other important cultural monuments in Croatia, is allowed by the world community to continue, posterity will look on this destruction in the same way as the bombardment of the Parthenon by the Turks in the last century; the only difference is that we are now in the last quarter of the 20th century.

Yours faithfully,  
A. R. SUCHY,  
Knollys House,  
11 Byward Street, EC3.

## Far-flung Europe

From Professor Peter Hills

Sir, Your leader, "Wider still, and wider" (October 23), did not quite capture the true breadth of Europe. Some eight hours' flight due west from London is Martinique, part of metropolitan France, which boasts the "largest aquarium in Europe".

Yours faithfully,  
PETER HILLS,  
The Design Council,  
28 Haymarket, SW1.

The strength of the National Trust's objection is reinforced for as long as alternatives remain unavailable for public debate.

Yours faithfully,  
R. E. MEYRICK (Director),  
Cornwall Regional Office,  
The National Trust,  
Lanhydrock, Bodmin, Cornwall.

From Mr F. J. Mackett

Sir, Dr A. L. Rowse (letter, October 21) refers to "the lovely Lurklyn Valley... as yet unspoiled". As this valley already contains a road, a railway with at least one large girder bridge over the stream, a clay works at the south end, a disused industrial railway viaduct crossing the valley at high level and an artificial water course half-way up the side of the valley with the crumbling remains of a water wheel and winding house at the head of an inclined plane, it is difficult to understand why Dr Rowse should feel so appalled at the thought of another viaduct near the clay works.

He should, perhaps, take heart from the fact that the railways, which equally appalled Wordsworth and other aesthetes of the 19th century, have now become the darlings of today's environmentalists; and the roads will, doubtless, be viewed in the same light in a century or so.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN MACKETT,  
294 Ellerdine Road,  
Hounslow, Middlesex.

## Songs of pride on sporting fields

From Mr H. P. Bennett

Sir, What is the correct policy on the playing of national anthems before Rugby World Cup matches? At Murrayfield for the Irish match they played only "Flower of Scotland". In Dublin, for the Australia-Ireland game, only the Irish anthem was played. However, the anthems of both countries were played at Twickenham for England v New Zealand and in Paris for England v France.

This is inconsistent and omissions are surely discourteous to the visiting side.

Yours faithfully,  
PAUL BENNETT,  
30 Twyford Gardens,  
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Andrew Heywood

Sir, In answer to Mr Kitching's question (letter, October 18) I believe the reason why "God Save the Queen" is so rarely sung now is because at last we have come to realise how bland and uninspiring it is. How I envy the Welsh, the Scots and the French their tunes.

Yours faithfully,  
ANDREW HEYWOOD,  
5 Maple Grove, Ealing, W5.

## Charity vouchers

From Mr Neville Bass

Sir, Mr Robin Williamson's idea (letter, October 23) that charity vouchers should be introduced as a means of helping beggars on the streets is so original and yet so obvious that I am surprised that it has never been thought of before.

We have 105 charities under our umbrella and I have this morning already contacted those concerned with the homeless. The idea has met with initial enthusiasm. However, the charities almost certainly will wish to obtain vouchers through one of the established commercial agencies rather than involving themselves in the expense of establishing their own administrative procedures.

Vouchers could be specially overprinted with details of support centres, etc., and would, therefore, serve a valuable double purpose. I should like, through your columns, to ask all charities working with the homeless to get in touch with me.

I should tell you that a Catholic church in the West End, with which I am well acquainted, has had a luncheon voucher operation for the homeless (in lieu of cash) for some time. It certainly sorts out the wheat from the chaff.

Yours faithfully,  
NEVILLE BASS  
(Executive Director),  
Charity Christmas Card Council,  
49 Lamb's Conduit Street, WC1,  
October 23.

From Dr Denis Cashman

Sir, Mr Williamson expresses disquiet lest his aims be dissipated on non-essentials rather than food and clothing. This is understandable, but I suggest is a little reminiscent of the self-righteous "charity" of the Victorian age — the workhouse, the Poor Law. There are occasions when the ability to buy a packet of cigarettes is almost the saving of sanity; and I can write that as a physician who knows well the damage that tobacco can do.

I am, Sir, your obedient (if imprudent) servant,  
DENIS CASHMAN,  
4 Derwent Road, Cullercoats,  
Tyne and Wear,  
October 23.

From Ms Anne Hodgson

Sir, Robin Williamson's suggestion seems needlessly complex. It is far simpler to give a donation — on a weekly, or a monthly basis if he wishes — to one of the many charities which help those in need. That way, the help is spread efficiently between all those who are there to ask for it without the cost of printing vouchers and distributing them. And there is no need to wait till Christmas — halfway through winter — before starting.

Yours faithfully,  
ANNE HODGSON,  
28 The Quadrangle,  
Du Cane Road, W12.

## Helping hand

From Mr Ray Roseman

Sir, I have received from the first secretary (Commercial) of the British Embassy, Budapest, the following fax:

I regret that we are not resourced to provide an appointment-making service for companies and institutions. We can prepare a list of the contacts you seek but, under present conditions, this will take three weeks and cost £32. To commission it we shall need your DTI service card number.

For your information, the French and German embassies offer a free service.

Yours faithfully,  
RAY ROSEMAN (Principal),  
Mayfield College of English,  
24 Holland Road, Hove, East Sussex.

## Off the rails?

From Mr Ian H. Fraser

Sir, A Labour government (report, October 23) to allow BR to lease rolling stock? Creeping (or crawling) privatisation, surely.

Yours faithfully,  
IAN H. FRASER,  
The Twinings, Chapel Lane,  
Westhumble, Dorking, Surrey,  
October 23.











CHANNEL 1

6.00 **Comic Book.** Cartoons for children 6.55 **One Up on Time ... Space.** Series exploring space through the eyes of animated characters 7.25 **Sporting Years to Remember.** Ten years 1910 to 1915 are featured in the second of this 13-part history of sport through archive Pathe News film 7.55 **Trans World Sport.** International sporting news and features

9.00 **News** summary followed by **Channel 4 Racing** - the **Norfolk Line**

9.30 **Same Difference.** The second of a ten-part series on disabled issues focuses on the diabetics who are proposing to take drug companies to court because of the side-effects of their genetically engineered human insulin (?)

10.00 **North's Ark.** The final programme of the Spanish wildlife series examines the plight of the rare and timid black stork (?)

10.30 **Wagon Train (b/w).** Classic western series from the 1950s. In this episode a young man (Dean Stockwell) who has lived with the Indians since the age of nine, is persuaded to join the wagon train and re-learn the habits of the white people

11.30 **Television's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge.** Joining Ron Ralston and Sam Torrance on La Touquet's nine-hole course this week are Nigel Mansell and Jimmy Tarbuck (?)

12.30 **American Football** - Red 42. Highlights from week eight of the NFL

1.00 **Film Ships With Wings (1941, b/w)** starring John Clements as Leslie Banks. Stiff-necked second world war Fleet Air Arm drab about two airmen who are both in love with an admiral's daughter (Jane Baxter). Directed by Sergei Noltevov


2.55 **Inauguration.** A cartoon from Hungary about the ceremonial opening of a bridge

3.00 **Channel 4 Racing** from Doncaster. Live coverage of the **Colin Stoeckel Handicap (3.10); the Racing Post Trophy (3.45); the Doncaster Stakes (4.15); and the Welbeck Nursery Handicap (4.45)**

5.05 **Brookside.** Omnibus edition (?) (Teletext) (a)

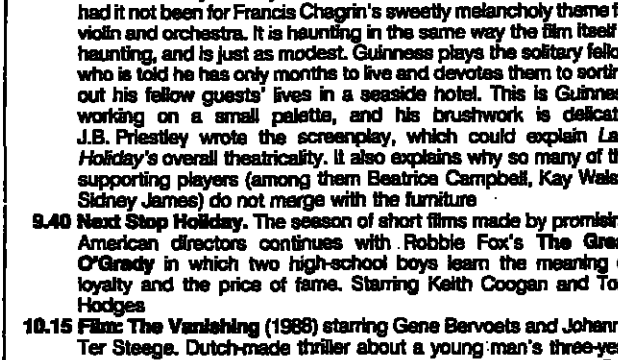
6.30 **News** summary and weather followed by **Flight to Reply.** Includes Jonathan Ross replying to criticism about cruelty to animals on his recent shows

7.00 **South.** Two films made by directors from developing countries beginning with one from Argentina examining the country's politics of rock and roll, repression and young people's protests. The second considers Sri Lanka's savage war



**Theatrical Embassy: Kay Walsh and Alec Guinness (8.00pm)**

8.00 **Film: Last Holiday (1950, b/w)**  
● **CHOICE:** Channel 4's comprehensive Alec Guinness season continues with the film most people have either forgotten or



**12.15am The Oprah Winfrey Show.** Tonight's guests are women invited to find new girlfriends for former partners (r)  
**1.05 American Football - Red 42 (r)**  
**1.35 The Word.** Pop music and gospel presented by Terry Christiani  
 Amanda de Cadenet and newcomer Katie Puckrik. The guests include Don Johnson and Bo Derek (r). Ends at 1.30 Greenwich Mean Time. (On-line on back on hour at 2.00am)

**TVS**  
As London except 12.30pm-1.00: Block-  
busters 5.05 TVS News 5.15-5.25 Cartoon

**TYNE TEES**  
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Pippins  
6.05 Northern Life Sports Special 5.15-6.26  
Carlton Tea 12.25 Film: Causale (4-26)  
Dante Comedies, Veronica Horne 1.00 Hr. Men  
and Her 3.00p VideoVision 3.35 The Secret  
of the Phantom of the Opera 4.30 Pacific  
Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

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As London except: 12.30pm-1.00  
The Integers 8.10 Ulster News 8.25-  
5.25 Carlton Tea 12.25 Film: Causale  
1.00 Hr. Men and Her 3.00p VideoVision  
3.35 The Secret of the Phantom of the Opera  
4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William  
Tell

**YORKSHIRE**  
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Katts  
and the Katties 8.10 Ulster News 8.15-6.25  
Carlton Tea 12.25 Film: Causale (4-26)

**12.30 American Football - Red 12.30**  
Every Child in Britain 2.00 Puppets - Cuspe  
and 4.45 Chess 4. Pacing Into Domains  
5.05 Bookends 6.30 The Wizard Years  
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8.10 T.V. Text 8.40 Dogpounds: Chwerau  
9.10 Sincwyr 9.40 Puppets - Cuspe 9.10  
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Football - Red 42 1.35 The Word 2.00

**DRE 1**  
Starts: 8.00am Scottish Saturday 1  
1.15 News 1.50s followed by Film  
Fighting Champions 3.30 Carlton Tea 8.10  
Hr. Men: The Absent Mind Professor 8.30  
Eunice 8.40 The Angels 9.00 11pm News  
9.10 9.15 9.20 9.25 9.30 9.35 9.40 9.45  
Mallorg 6.40 Talaithu 7.05 Kennedy  
Secrets 8.00 News 9.20 Katty News 10  
10.10s of Carlton 11.40 Film: The Hatching  
the Achille Lure 1.15 News 1.20 Cuspe

**Starz:** 3:00 Woody Allen: Mr. Manhattan 4:00 Mountain: The Last Victory 5:00-5:30 News Box

**SAC:**

**Starts:** 6:00pm Comic Book 7:00 Once Upon a Time...Space 7:30 Sporting Years to

**Starts:** 12:00 Sign of the Time 12:30 News 12:30 Sports Stadium 6:10 P.D. Theatre 6:00 Upon a Time 6:00 Searchlight 8:55 Nacht 7:00 The Lovers' Collection 7:05 The Trials of Life 8:00 News 8:05 Sesame Street 9:05 Film: Mogambo 11:15 World Cup Rugby 12:15am Close

(c) Stereo on FM  
**5.55am** Shipping Forecast **6.00**  
 News Briefing, incl 6.03  
**6.05** News **6.15** The Farming  
 Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day  
**6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, Incl  
**7.05** News **7.25** **8.00**, **8.50** News  
**9.25**, **10.00** Sport **9.50** Weather  
**9.55** Weather  
**9.50** News  
**9.55** Sport & A, with Bryan Butler  
**9.55** Breakfast: Kar Buys back  
 with holiday and travel news  
**10.00** News; Loose Ends: Ned  
 Sherrin, an hour of live  
 interjections (s)  
**11.00** News; The Week in  
 Westminster, with Andrew  
 Marr  
**11.30** Eurofile: Stephen Jessel  
 presents the European news  
 magazine  
**12.00** Money Box: Financial advice  
 with Louise Botting  
**12.25** Sport: I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue:  
 Humphrey Lyttelton chats the  
 12th annual game (c) 12.55  
 Weather  
**1.00** News  
**1.10** Any Questions? Jonathan  
 Dimbleby is joined in Swindon  
 by Jocelyn Barrow, deputy  
 chairman, the Broadcasting  
 Complaints Council; John  
 Patten, MP, minister in charge  
 at the Home Office; Alison  
 Norman, chair of the Health  
 Education Association; and Terry  
 Banks, MP (c) 1.55  
**2.00** Any Answers? 071-800 4411.  
 Ring Jonathan Dimbleby with  
 your views on the issues  
 raised in *Any Questions?*  
**2.30** Young Playwrights' Festival  
**5.25** Fourth Column: Simon  
 Hoggart and friends take a  
 quiz lookalike at the **5.50**  
 Shipping Forecast **5.55**  
 Weather  
**6.00** News; Sports Round-Up  
**6.25** Week Ending (a) (c)  
**6.50** Sports Week (a) (c)  
**7.20** Kaleidoscope: The Beat Goes  
 On: Ian McEwan recaptures  
 the spirit of "Beat" poetry  
 series, inspired by film  
 publication in 1959 of Jack  
 Kerouac's novel *On the Road*  
 (c) 7.50  
**7.50** Classic Serial: The Personal  
 History of David Copperfield.  
 Seventh of a ten-part  
 dramatisation of Charles  
 Dickens's novel (c)  
**8.50** Conversations with Historians:  
 John Miles concludes his  
 series by talking with David  
 Starkey, lecturer in Tudor  
 History at the London School  
 of Economics (c)  
**9.20** Money Watch with Brian Kay  
 (c) 9.50 (a) **9.55** Weather  
**10.00** News  
**10.15** Young Playwrights' Festival  
 1991: Menapool  
**CHOICE:** Young playwright  
 Moya Chowdhury takes us on  
 a dramatic trip through India  
 following the footsteps of a  
 young British Asian student,  
 18-year-old medical student,  
 travelling alone to Kashmir by  
 footpath. In touch by letter with  
 her sister in Delhi, she also  
 becomes a journey into her  
 own sensuality and a love  
 story emerges as she meets  
 and develops a close relationship

Kevin Koolhaas's whimsical tale about a burlesque woman who attempts to depict the ultimate betting scam, and at 3.00 The Snow Queen: A contemporary fairy-tale by Andrew Langford, and at 3.45 We Expect Respect, by Irish Cooke (s)

4.00 News; Grand Tour: Johannesburg, Nadine Gordimer's winner of the 1991 Nobel Prize for literature, reflects on her native city (f)

4.30 Science Now, with Peter Evans

5.00 M. B. A portrait of James Belamy, a schoolteacher since the 1940s (s) (f)

at a houseboat. Langorous music maintains the brooding atmosphere as the monsoon breaks. Sensitive vocal performances by Lolita Chakrabarti and Shepken Khan (s)

11.00 The Baker Composes Notes with Betty Bonney, Kathy Schuman and Brad Luster of the American choir, Gloria Dei Cantores (s) (f)

11.30 The Sound of Silence: Brett Whiteley and the dead, with extracts from the dead, and the famous and not-so-famous (2 of 8) (f) (f)

12.00 News, and 12.20am Weather 12.30 Shipper Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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Marco Davargas, project manager for the survey, said the most surprising initial finding was that many large firms still had no back-up systems in the event of a power failure. He said companies stood to lose sensitive data, at great expense, as a result of such incidents.

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# Virgin's £8m cabin face-lift to go ahead despite slipping yields



Branson: doing the reverse

By HARVEY ELLIOTT  
AIR CORRESPONDENT

VIRGIN Atlantic is to press ahead with a multimillion-pound programme of improvements to its aircraft cabins and will maintain its low fare offers, despite falling yields and revenue forecasts for the next 12 months that have caused "some concern".

Richard Branson, the chairman, who yesterday signed an £8 million agreement to put seat-back video equipment in every economy seat on his eight jumbo jets, said: "Most airlines are cutting back on these things but we are doing the reverse. We will continue to give more and

charge less. We are going to lavish more and more on these things rather than cutting back. I am convinced the more you give the more you get back and the fact that we have now lasted twice as long as Laker and have filled more of our seats than other airlines that are competing with us, shows that we are right."

Virgin, he said, had made a profit last year and will do so again this time, despite the worst recession to hit the airline industry, during which the world's airlines have lost \$2.7 billion.

In a letter to his 2,500 staff last month, Mr Branson said that although industry losses had been

"astronomical", Virgin had fared better than most.

"Being small, we have to," he said. "Our loads have been good but our yields have slipped quite considerably. The initial forecast for the next 12 months has given us cause for some concern and therefore we have taken some immediate measures to counter-balance it." The airline would do its utmost to avoid redundancy but budgets would be reduced in every department. The advertising budget, for example, is being cut from £25 million a year to £18 million.

While this would mean "a tightening up of the belt by everyone, we have survived the last few

months and I'm convinced these moves will get us through the months of recession and put us on a stronger footing by the end of it".

The airline's switch to Heathrow, its consistently low fares and lavish "add-on" incentives to passengers, have raised concern in the industry that revenue might not be sufficient to cover the costs.

Mr Branson, however, dismissed such fears, claiming, like every airline chief in the troubled industry, that rivals were spreading unfounded rumours about his operation.

He remains convinced that by selling first-class seats at club-class fares, while packing the economy

section with low-priced economy passengers, he can continue to make a profit and compete with the international carriers flying in direct competition from Heathrow.

The philosophy appears to have worked so far. Passengers residing in the home counties can be picked up from their homes by limousine and receive a free, fully bookable return economy ticket. The in-flight service, with greater leg room, free gifts and top class, in-flight entertainment, has won every big award in the industry.

Economy class tickets are often sold at heavily reduced rates through consolidators and even the published return fare of £259 to

New York represents a saving of £50 over other airlines.

The Japanese market, which, because of its controlled high fares has good yields anyway, is now coming back strongly. Mr Branson said, and load factors on the North Atlantic were going up all the time.

"We have come through the worst year in aviation history profitably and hardly another airline can say that," Mr Branson said.

"We believe that the current year will also produce a reasonable profit but to ensure it does we are taking prudent measures to cut non-essential budgets. We will not cut back on our investment in service, however," he added.

## Institute of Personnel Management

# Employers attack Howard plans for more union laws

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government's proposals for more trade union law have come under fierce attack — from an employers' body. Ministers will be angered by the critical formal response from the Institute of Personnel Management to the green paper on union law brought forward by Michael Howard, the employment secretary.

The Trades Union Congress this week mounted its expected attack on the green paper, and the formal response from the Confederation of British Industry may well develop its cool initial reaction, but the sometimes bitterly dismissive response

from the IPM is unprecedented from an employers' body.

The IPM's virtually wholesale dismissal of the green paper, which advocates changes on union subscriptions, a pre-strike cooling-off period and inter-union relations, will further strain relations between the government and the institute, which of late has become more critical of some government employment initiatives.

Aware that many employers have privately judged the green paper's proposals as both irrelevant and largely a pre-election political move, ministers have been bracing

themselves for the first formal employer opposition to the government's suggestions for further union law.

While the IPM's response stops short of outright rejection of the green paper, it says there is no need for further union law unless it can be justified on economic, industrial relations or social cohesion grounds. The institute says most of its members are not pressing for further legislation, and it is scathing about a number of the proposals.

The idea — proposed by John Major in the citizen's charter — that customers will be able to sue public services over strikes is described by the institute as "wrong in principle", likely to do great harm to industrial and corporate relations, an "unwarranted and unhelpful interference" and likely to "poison" relationships between employers and a union.

The proposal to change the "Bridlington" rules of the TUC governing inter-union relations is not supported by industry, the IPM says. The suggested change is likely to be to the "detriment of settled patterns of collective bargaining", and could jeopardise satisfactory developments such as single-union deals.

The IPM says there is no support from personnel managers for any move against changing employer deduction of union contributions, and it says the government's proposal to make collective agreements "legally enforceable" does not appear to be a constructive way to conduct industrial relations.



Howard: under attack

## Initiative aims to help women

By OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FIFTY companies will commit themselves on Monday to improving the position of women in the workforce in an initiative to be launched by John Major. The initiative, called Opportunity 2000, aims to make companies aware of the potential of women in their workforces and ensure that, by the end of the decade, more are in senior positions in government, parliament, industry and business.

Some of Britain's most prominent organisations — public-sector bodies as well as companies — will publicly pledge to endorse the aims of the programme at a launch at Lancaster House, in St James's, London. Companies such as British Airways, the Post Office, the Reed group, the BBC, National Westminster, ICI, J Sainsbury and American Express will endorse targets for women. Some, such as the BBC, will embrace specific, numerical targets, though others will not be as precise.

Lady Elspeth Howe, the chairman of the women's economic development target team of Business in the Community, the private sector-led organisation that is behind the initiative, said

yesterday that the companies included a number of small ones and some companies that were hardly advanced at all in equal opportunities, in order to provide a range of role models for others to follow.

Lady Howe, who has been instrumental in promoting the initiative, said in Harrogate yesterday that Opportunity 2000 was not driven by any philanthropic or idealistic notions of equality, but by business needs.

At the launch on Monday, Mr Major's statements will be examined closely for indications that the government, as an important employer, will be improving its record over women — in the Civil Service, for example.

The launch will be given details of research carried out for the programme by the Ashridge Management Research Group, which shows that four key processes are necessary to achieve change within organisations.

They are a demonstration of commitment to change from the top, making sure it runs throughout the organisation, ensuring that behaviour is changed and that proper amounts of resources are invested.

## Frown and show your profit motivation

# Party pooper rolls marbles over the smiling achievers

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BEWARE the smiling face. People with the smile factor — bright, articulate, sensitive, likeable, energetic, participative people — are filling the majority of key positions in companies. But they are not good managers — and they are not much interested in making a profit.

This advice was handed out yesterday to delegates attending the Institute of Personnel Management conference in Harrogate by Arthur Miller, an American — inevitably — consultant who is the founder-director of People Management Group International.

After impressing his audience with sentences such as "the marbles each person brings to the party are clearly identified", Mr Miller urged personnel managers to "get behind the smile factor". When they were behind the smile factor, they could make solid selection and promotion decisions.

Personnel managers unable to get behind the S factor, and recognise people's true talents,

were contaminated by — the smile factor. They were failing to recognise the bias that was distorting their results.

Mr Miller said that "leading the list of suspect assessment practices" was "one-on-one" interviewing. In one-on-one interviews, apparently, smile factor people give favourable impressions, and then too frequently do not deliver what they appear to possess.

"High potentials" — the articulate, who confer, describe, discuss, explain, promote and report — may be outstanding personal performers, but they are not necessarily strong in leadership or managerial abilities.

Such a statement clearly cried out for a survey. It was not long in coming. Among smile factor executives, fewer than one in four are motivated to manage, and very few are motivated to lead. Only one in eight could be characterized as a leader. Instead, they have a range of qualities — charisma, self-confidence, extroversion, charm, persuasiveness, energy, dominance, assertive-

ness. But they cannot confront employees about poor performance. They do not want to face up to the unpleasantness of shoddy work or missed deadlines. They are — whisper it quietly — "soft in their people management".

Worst of all, few smile factor executives are much concerned with making a profit. They place great emphasis on solving problems, on reaching standards, on goals, on finished products, on application of the products, on greater efficiency.

But fewer than 10 per cent are motivated to achieve greater profitability. Broadening that from an issue of profitability to a motivated concern about costs/value, Mr Miller said, numbers go up — but not much.

How many marbles this brought to the party was by now not completely clear. The fishbowl setting gives influencers an ideal opportunity to perform, Mr Miller said. At this stage, people had little choice but to take their marbles away from the party.

## Lloyd's syndicate to cease trading

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ONE of the oldest and best known insurance underwriting syndicates at Lloyd's of London has been forced out of business as a result of a huge migration of names away from syndicates associated with American asbestos and pollution losses.

FLP Secretan, the underwriting agency, said marine syndicate 367 "will cease trading at the end of 1991 due to lack of support for the 1992 year of account".

While not entirely unexpected, the news will increase the concern felt by many other underwriters in the marine market also facing a withdrawal of support from names.

Several dozen syndicates have ceased trading or merged with other syndicates already this year but 367 is by far the highest-profile casualty. Until recently it was one of the largest at Lloyd's, with a peak capacity of £149 million in 1986. The projected capacity for 1992 was just £25 million, a 75 per cent fall on 1991.

The syndicate made a £40 million loss in 1988 and has experienced problems in 1989 and 1990. Peter Edwards, the chief executive of Secretan, said the figures for 1991 were "looking better than for any year in the Eighties". However, names and members' agents remain concerned that pollution and asbestos problems will continue to affect the syndicate and have steered capacity away.

Last month Secretan said it would be forced to leave the 1989 year open because the lack of support would leave the 1992 names heavily exposed to claims dating from the earlier year.

The syndicate began underwriting in 1943 but Secretan's involvement in the marine market at Lloyd's can be traced back to 1789, making it one of the oldest agencies on Line Street. "We are all very saddened by the situation as it marks the end of a long chapter in Lloyd's history," Mr Edwards said.

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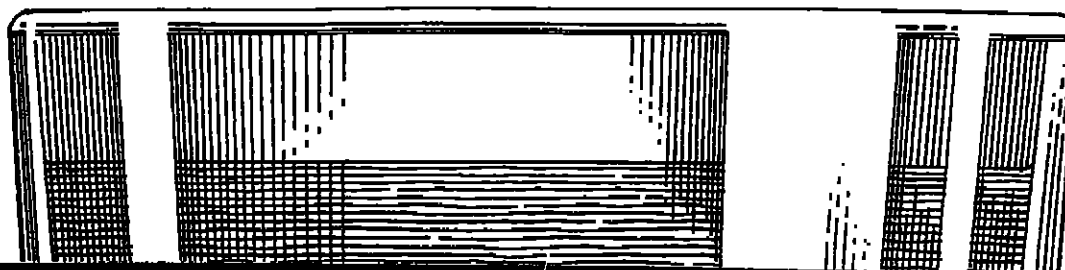
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## Pentagon enquiry hurts Attwoods

From PHILIP ROBINSON  
IN NEW YORK

WALL Street wiped more than \$100 million off the value of Attwoods yesterday after the waste disposal company confirmed that the Pentagon is investigating irregularities over a US government contract.

The enquiry into Attwoods, whose deputy chairman is Sir Denis Thatcher, husband of the former prime minister, has been going on for more than a year and involves a contract between the US defence department and Attwoods's Florida operation.

The matter was disclosed publicly in documents filed with the American Securities and Exchange Commission six months ago, when Attwoods sold a million American Depository Receipts to investors for \$20 each.

The price dropped 20 per cent to \$10.125 yesterday. Mr Scott Friedlander, Attwoods American general counsel said: "It is a tempest in a tea cup and relates to one dump-truck driver who is still employed in the company."

The probe centres on Industrial Waste Services, the subject of allegations that a senior official in America had links with members of organised crime families.

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After weeping and gnashing their teeth over the cost of lowering the retirement age for men, the vast majority of companies that have equalised the pension age in the past 15 months have decided to make women work on.

This week, the CBI reported that eight out of ten companies that have introduced an equal pension age have made it 65. The same organisation has been to the forefront in declaring that the end would be high if back-dated equality were thrust upon them by European courts.

The cost of bringing in a retirement age of 60 for all would have been £40 billion, the pensions industry has claimed. Even though their fast footwork has moved the retirement age for a large proportion of working women, they are still not satisfied.

The reason for all this upheaval is the Barber judgment, which decided that pensions were the equivalent of pay and therefore should be treated

equally for men and women. The European Court has to decide if the judgment should be retrospective.

The administrative cost of dealing with individual claims from retired members or former employees with deferred pension rights would be crippling. The only real option would be to change retrospectively the benefits of everyone already receiving pensions and of former employees with deferred pension entitlements.

Time will tell, but judging from the way company pension schemes are currently administered, many companies might decide to risk the extra cost of dealing with individual claims, making calculated guesses on how many people will learn of the change and realise that it could affect them. Companies can be sure that a proportion of them



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LINDSAY COOK  
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

will be unable to find the relevant funds.

Pension fund trustees frequently talk about money they have for pensioners who cannot be traced. This occurs particularly with employers who have gone out of business. People with small entitlements have letters returned "not known at this address" and give up the struggle.

Trustees know they have large sums belonging to such former employees. One such trustee, who acts for a dwindling number of pensioners but is guardian of a large pot of money, worries what

he will do when his last pensioner dies. Who will get the money, he wonders?

Pension fund members might have more sympathy with those running their schemes if they did not recall the pensions holidays awarded by companies to themselves, but not to members, to use up surpluses. The plundering of cash-rich funds after a takeover does not go down well with members either. The supporting of a company's share price by its pension fund has not won the industry many friends, nor has pension funds' willing-

ness to buy and lease back buildings the employer owns.

Until the equality issue is settled once and for all, the calculations of what this might cost will continue to increase. Meanwhile, too many women are being asked to sign away future rights without compensation.

Flexible terms

The 30 per cent reduction in term rates and pension term rates on all new policies issued from next Friday by NM Financial Management must be welcomed for its realism. The company recognises that young families on tight budgets need term insurance more than investment-linked products and that it should be cheap and flexible. It is far better to sell a father or mother £100,000 of

cover for £10 or £15 a month, which will pay out should they die prematurely than to sell them an investment policy they cannot really afford.

The new rates are most competitive for younger age groups and policies can be converted from ones that only pay out upon death to investment funds which pay out whatever happens in the course of the term. NM says it wants to provide simpler products for the family protection market.

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Subsidies range from investments to health and forestry

# Tax relief drains Revenue funds

MASSIVE subsidies are being paid to taxpayers, which, if abolished, could cut the basic and higher rates of tax substantially. Billions of pounds are lost to the Inland Revenue through relief given on a range of investments from personal equity plans (PEPs) to tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas).

Investment groups are already beginning to lobby for more tax breaks in next year's Budget. The Policy Studies Institute this week outlined a scheme to pay housewives, which would cost the equivalent of 7p in the pound on tax. Tax relief on health care premiums for the over 60s

seemed briefly threatened this week, but official sources say the concession, which costs £60 million a year, is safe.

Mortgage tax relief is estimated by the Treasury to cost £6.5 billion this year, but it will be far outstripped by the subsidies on personal and company pensions. These cost £12 billion in 1989-90, according to Treasury statistics, and the figures for 1990-1, which are due to be published next month, are expected to show a big increase. The subsidy on employees' and employers' contributions on company schemes is £5.7 billion. The relief on personal pension contributions costs £800 mil-

The billions of pounds paid in incentives annually could be used to cut taxes, Lindsay Cook reports

lion, a further £4.4 billion goes to relief on the funds and £1 billion on the relief on lump sum payments.

In addition, the payments given to 4 million people who have left the state earnings-related pension scheme and taken out a personal pension cost the equivalent of a 1.5p cut in basic rate tax, the Public Accounts Committee calculated. The incentives and rebates

cost £9.3 billion compared with savings of £3.4 billion. Because the take up was much higher than expected, some benefits that used to be paid from the National Insurance Fund had to be switched to general taxation. This meant an extra £1.8 billion was borne by general taxation. By April 1993, it is expected to cost £800 million more in tax relief.

Abolishing tax relief on pension contributions would allow basic rate tax to be cut to 20p in the pound, Philip Chappell, an investment consultant, said. Mr Chappell, who is consultant to the Association of Investment Trust Companies, called for an end to the subsidy in a speech to the Association of Investors this month. He argued that higher rate tax could also be abolished if these tax concessions were ended. "Why has the full extent of pension fund tax relief never attracted the same attention as mortgage tax relief? It is the rich that are the principal beneficiaries," he said.

Next week, the Unit Trust Association will submit its Budget requests. These will include a doubling of the amount that can be invested in unit trust PEPs. Currently, only £3,000 a year can be invested in unit trusts and investments trusts through a PEP, although new issue investment trusts can invest up to £6,000 in a PEP.

The tax-free plans already account for about 20 per cent of net unit trust sales and the association has looked on jealously as the M&G investment trust has attracted £246

million for its new investment trust - half of which has gone into its personal equity plan.

This year, investment in PEPs is expected to cost £45 million in lost income tax. There are no estimates for the lost capital gains tax.

The UTA also wants interest on fixed-interest funds to be paid gross, bringing them into line with the rest of Europe. This would have a nil cost to the Exchequer, Philip Warland, director general of the UTA, said. The British companies could not compete in Europe if tax continued to be deducted. No French investor would consider a British fund if he or she had to claim back tax deducted from the Inland Revenue.

Employee share schemes cost £330 million in lost tax in 1989-90. The breakdown is £120 million for share option schemes, £110 million for profit-sharing schemes and £100 million for save-as-you-

earn schemes.

Tessas are expected to cost the Revenue £25 million in 1990-1 and £200 million in the current financial year.

Business Expansion Schemes, which have tax incentives to invest in fledgling companies and an exemption from capital gains tax, are estimated to have cost £120 million in income tax in 1990-1. The Revenue has no statistics for investing in enterprise zone trusts, which offer similar tax benefits for investing government-designated zones.

All life assurance policies sold before the 1984 Budget qualified for tax relief on the premiums at half the basic rate of tax. New policies do not have this benefit but those bought before midnight on the day of the Budget can continue to receive the relief. This cost £537 million in 1987-8, £489 million the following year and £378 million in 1989-90.

## Concessions boost value of pensions

TAX relief is available on pension contributions up to defined limits. Most employees pay about 5 per cent of their annual salary into their company scheme, but the Inland Revenue allows them to make additional voluntary contributions up to 15 per cent and receive full tax relief at their top rate. The maximum that can be paid into a scheme by an employee and earn relief this year is £10,710, which, to a higher rate taxpayer, is worth £4,284.

Personal pensions have higher tax relief levels. Up to the age of 35, planholders can invest up to 17.5 per cent of their income a year. The limit then rises until the age of 61, when 40 per cent of income can be invested with full tax relief. This would allow someone earning £71,400 - the salary ceiling for relief this year - to put £28,560 into a plan. This is worth £11,424 to

a higher rate taxpayer. Those who have not invested in their plans up to the limits in recent years can carry back the unused tax relief for up to six years. This could enable someone to receive tax relief in one year of more than £50,000.

Employees can take a tax-free lump sum from their company pension scheme of up to 1.5 times their final salary. The self-employed are limited to 25 per cent under new style personal pensions but could receive £150,000 or even more with the old style pension plans. In addition, the investments in pension funds are free of tax.

Employee schemes can also pay a death in service benefit of up to four times annual salary. The maximum that can be paid is £285,600. This will usually escape inheritance tax as the trustees have discretion on which beneficiary should receive the sum.



## Investors have choice of rebates

THE savings available through tax relief can amount to thousands of pounds per person. The following is a breakdown of the options available to investors:

**Business Expansion Schemes** allow people to invest £40,000 a year and receive tax relief on the investment. This means that the maximum investment costs a higher rate taxpayer £24,000 and a basic rate taxpayer £30,000. Since April last year, both a husband and wife can invest the maximum.

If the shares are held for five years, any gains are free of tax. About 30,000 investors are likely to receive tax relief this year. The number has increased up to 50 per cent in the past year with the launch of guaranteed assured tenancy schemes. There are no figures for how many people receive tax-free profits.

**Personal Equity Plans**

The maximum that can be invested this year in a PEP is £6,000. Up to £3,000 of this can be invested in unit trusts or investment trusts. The plans do not have initial tax relief but are free of income or capital gains tax.

The Inland Revenue says that 500,000 plans were taken out last year, with a total of £1.6 billion invested. They

were launched in 1987 and by April, 1.5 million plans with a total of £3.9 billion had been invested in the plans.

Official statistics put the loss of income tax at £45 million for this year but makes no estimate of the amount of gains avoiding tax. Save & Prosper estimates that had PEPs been available ten years ago, a basic rate taxpayer saving £3,000 in its high income fund would have saved £2,419 in income tax.

Tessas, launched in January, attracted more than £6 billion from 2.5 million savers in the first six months. Investment then slowed almost to a halt as the accounts are limited to one per adult with a maximum of £3,000 in the first year, £1,800 in subsequent years and a total limit of £9,000.

The plans are free of income tax if none of the capital is withdrawn over a five year period. The Inland Revenue estimate that the cost this year will be £200 million.

**Enterprise Investment Schemes**

Shares issued under approved profit sharing schemes are tax free if transferred to employees five years after they have been allocated. The value of the shares allocated should not exceed £3,000 or 10 per cent of the employee's earn-

ings up to £8,000. Under the save as you earn scheme, up to £250 a month can be saved towards buying shares at a discount. The share price is set at the start of the five year period and can be up to 20 per cent less than the market price then. Employees can buy the shares after five years at what might be a substantial discount without paying any tax on the benefit. If they sell them and make more than £5,500 profit, capital gains tax may be payable.

From January next year, employers will be able to grant share options to selected employees at a discount of up to 15 per cent. This will be allowed only if the company has an approved all-employee share scheme.

**Forestry**

Investing in forestry is tax free. There is no capital gains tax or income tax charged on the income or profits made from such investment. There are also government grants to pay for planting. The Inland Revenue has no estimates on what these concessions cost each year.

**Friendly Societies**

Investments of up to £200 a year can be made in the tax-free funds of friendly societies. The Inland Revenue has no estimates of the loss to the Exchequer through such investments.

The interest on mortgages up to a £30,000 limit qualifies for tax relief for a person's main home. This is most valuable when interest rates are high. In May, when basic mortgage rates were 12.95 per cent, the Treasury estimated the cost this year would be £6.5 billion.

The estimate compares with £7.8 billion last year, when higher rate relief was allowed. This was abolished in this year's Budget affecting 860,000 people. About 9.5 million households benefit from mortgage tax relief.

The ceiling for the tax relief has not been raised since 1983 when it was increased to £30,000. Before the 1974 Budget, there was no limit.

Since April last year, tax relief has been available on health insurance premiums for the over 60s. About 350,000 people have qualified for the concession. Premiums have risen steeply since its introduction so that premiums net of tax relief are often higher than the gross premiums previously.

Policies must not pay out more than £5 a day in cash benefits to patients in hospital if they are to qualify for the tax relief. Basic rate relief is deducted from the premiums and higher rate relief is given in the policyholder's tax code.

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# Fixed-term bonds may become less competitive as rates fall

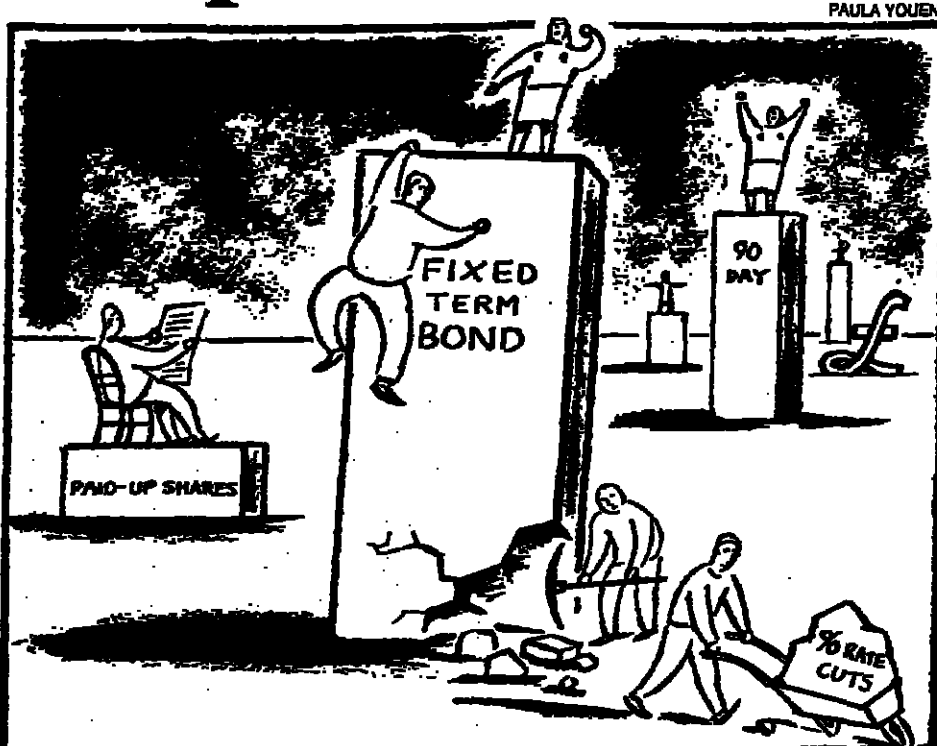
By SARA MCCONNELL

SAVERS transferring money to receive the best rates in a falling market need to beware that many guarantees on offer will not mean their account remains the most competitive. A large number of fixed-term bonds guarantee to pay a fixed percentage above a building society's ordinary share rate. When the accounts are launched, the rates are generously higher than the guarantee, but they fall with each cut in interest rates.

Should the interest rates fall to the minimum level guaranteed, in most cases, the return would be poor.

As interest rates continue to fall, savers are earning less on their bonds. This is particularly painful for those with bonds where the rate was fixed at the beginning of the term, then changing to a guaranteed minimum above the paid-up share rate. Several societies, including the Chelsea and the Skipton, have such bonds.

Last month, the Chelsea launched its 2 Year Option Bond with a minimum of £5,000 and a fixed rate of 9.15 per cent net, 12.2 per cent gross until January 1 next year. After this, the rate is variable but guaranteed to be



at least 6 per cent gross, 4.5 per cent net above the Chelsea Shares rate until the bond matures on November 30, 1993. However, recent cuts in interest rates have brought the shares rate down to 2.4 per cent net, 3.2 per cent gross.

The bond is paying 6.9 per cent net, 9.2 per cent gross. Societies say they will almost always pay more than the guaranteed minimum to avoid losing customers.

The Chelsea building society said: "We had to pick a

minimum figure to give our investors some sense of security. In our brochure we say that the gross rate paid on the bond will be aligned with market rates for 30 day accounts. This will be higher than the shares rate because

the more notice people have to give to withdraw their money, the higher the rate is."

The society has not yet launched a 30 day account because it is waiting to discover what others will be paying. A 30 day account has been chosen because it has the same notice period as withdrawals from the bond. However, even the best 30 day notice accounts pay a substantially lower rate than the fixed bond.

According to *Building Society Choice*, the magazine, the best 30 day rate on £5,000 is 9.8 per cent gross, 7.35 per cent net from Teachers' Building Society in Wimborne, Dorset. The Bradford & Bingley's Option 1 month account says 9.25 per cent gross, 6.94 per cent net.

The Skipton building society's Optimum bond has a similar structure to the Chelsea's. Until June 30 this year, the rate was fixed at 15 per cent gross, 11.25 per cent net. The rate is now held 5 per cent higher than the society's paid-up share rate until the bond matures in March 1993. The paid-up share rate at the moment is 2.82 per cent net, 3.75 per cent gross. When the bond was launched in March 1991, the rate was 4.5 per cent net, 6 per cent gross. Now, the Optimum bond pays 8.32 per cent net, 11.1 per cent gross.

David Charlton, Skipton's assistant general manager (marketing), said: "People get the benefit of the high fixed rate at the beginning, then if we can say the guaranteed rates on the bond are competitive with 90 day accounts, that's what we have to look for." The Skipton's 90 account pays 7.68 per cent net, 10.25 per cent gross on balances of £5,000. The bond has a 30 day notice period.

Other societies, such as the Halifax, whose one-year Capital Xtra bond closed in April, do not have a higher initial fixed rate. However, the rate was guaranteed to be 5 per cent above the Paid Up share account rate. When the bond was launched in November 1989, the paid-up share rate was 6.5 per cent net and the bond rate was 11.8 per cent. By the time the last bonds matured in April this year, the rate had fallen to 4.13 per cent net, 5.5 per cent gross and the bond was paying 9.3 per cent net, 12.4 per cent gross.

## Mutual takeover opposition wanes

OPPOSITION to Scottish Mutual's proposed takeover by Abbey National waned slightly this week, after a meeting between Scottish Mutual and three of the life office's most vocal critics (Sara McConnell writes).

The Abbey is offering £285 million for Scottish Mutual's long-term business, which will help finance a £70 million bonus payout for 167,000 with-profits policyholders. Charles McCann, a financial adviser, said the meeting with Charles Thomson, Scottish Mutual's appointed actuary and general manager, this week, had satisfied him on several points. Mr McCann said: "You could say I've mellowed a bit." However, he is still prepared to help policyholders mount opposition and vote against the plan at a special general meeting in Glasgow on November 11.

However, he and his fellow critics, Douglas McGhee, a client and Scottish Mutual policyholder, and Michael Arnold, an independent consulting actuary, continue to object that no alternative course of action to the Abbey takeover was considered seriously. They also said that Scottish Mutual declined to give more details about how much of the society's surplus after it is demutualised will be put into the with-profits fund. There was also no breakdown of how the price of £285 million to be paid had been arrived at.

Mr Thomson said there was strong protection for policyholders. "With-profits policyholders will not find costs increased without limit and there is additional specific protection for policyholders on the level of costs for the first five years."

## Charities campaign to be named in more wills

SEVERAL charities have this week produced leaflets aimed at persuading people to name them as beneficiaries in their wills. The campaign coincides with the Law Society's Make a Will Week, which starts on Monday. Requests to registered charities are not subject to inheritance tax (Sara McConnell writes).

The Law Society has produced a series of seven leaflets, for those who are married, unmarried but living together, divorced or separated, single, homeowners and grandmothers. Each leaflet points out that it is essential to make a will to leave a gift to charity. The leaflets also give warning that not making a will could make the estate liable to more inheritance tax than is necessary.

The most recent figures from *Charity Trends*, a Charities Aid Foundation publication, showed that an estimated £380 million was left to the top 400 charities in 1989. Charities say legacies are an important part of their income. However, the Charity Household Survey, carried out by the CAF, found that of those who had made wills, only 3 per cent gave large sums to charity and 10 per cent gave a little.

Terry Higham, finance director of the Charities Aid Foundation, said many people

were encouraged to give money to charity because it was free of inheritance tax. "It is a big selling point. When people hear about the tax efficiency of making a bequest, they are encouraged."

The first £140,000 of any estate is free of inheritance tax (as are gifts between husbands and wives). Anything above that is taxed at 40 per cent unless the gifts were made more than seven years before death. Other, smaller gifts are also tax-free. A way to avoid giving money to the Inland Revenue is to leave it to charity.

Oxfam, the largest charity, with a voluntary income of £50 million in 1989, has brought out a Will Advice Pack that explains how to make and change a will as well as leave a legacy to charity. In the past year, Oxfam has raised its income from legacies by about £750,000 to £4.7 million but is still working to generate more income from this source.

Pat Wise, Oxfam's senior legacies officer, said: "A lot of people are not aware that they can leave money to charity in their will. We are looking at different ways of making our supporters aware of the value of a legacy, especially through advertising and in our own magazine." However, the fact that bequests to charities are free of inheritance tax is not a

great draw for the public, Mr Wise said.

About half of Oxfam's legacy income is from residual bequests, in which people leave the charity a portion of the residue of the estate. This protects the value of the estate from inflation because stocks, shares or property included in the legacy are likely to increase in value. The rest of the bequests are pecuniary, where the charity is left a set amount of money.

The National Children's Home has also issued a leaflet on making a will. It explains the difference between pecuniary and residual legacies, how to work out the value of assets and how to change a will. The charity gets 30 per cent of its voluntary income from legacies.

In a survey carried out by Gallup for the Law Society's campaign, 48 per cent of the 1,016 people who were questioned named Cancer Research as the charity that they felt most deserved to be left money in legacies. Other frequently mentioned charities were the Save the Children Fund and the British Heart Foundation.

Almost half those aged 35 and over with homes worth on average £98,000 had not made wills, the survey found. Only 31 per cent of adults and 38 per cent of parents had done so.

### BRIEFINGS

THE pathfinder prospectus for the sale of half the government's remaining 49 per cent share in British Telecom will be published on November 13. The amount of the first instalment for private investors will also be announced on that day; the amount for institutions will

be announced a week later. When the institutions' first instalment is announced, private investors will know what discount they will get on their shares. The prospectus will be widely available from November 27 through high street banks. Public application

forms for those who have not preregistered will appear in national newspapers. All applications from private investors must be in by 10 am on December 4. The minimum application in the retail offer will be for 100 shares. Private client brokers bidding on behalf of clients in the international tender offer must apply for a minimum of 2,000 shares per client.

Whitechurch Securities, an independent financial adviser, is asking 23,000 clients if they think they should be told how much commission an adviser earns for selling investment products. All are being mailed a questionnaire. The Securities and Investments Board proposed last week that disclosure of commission should not be required at the point of sale. Any investors not receiving a questionnaire should write to Whitechurch Securities, Freeport, Bristol BS9 2OR, or telephone 100 and ask for Prephone Whitechurch Securities. Questionnaires should be returned by November 30. Investors responding will be sent a guide to commission, including a commission line so they can check commission paid on policies.

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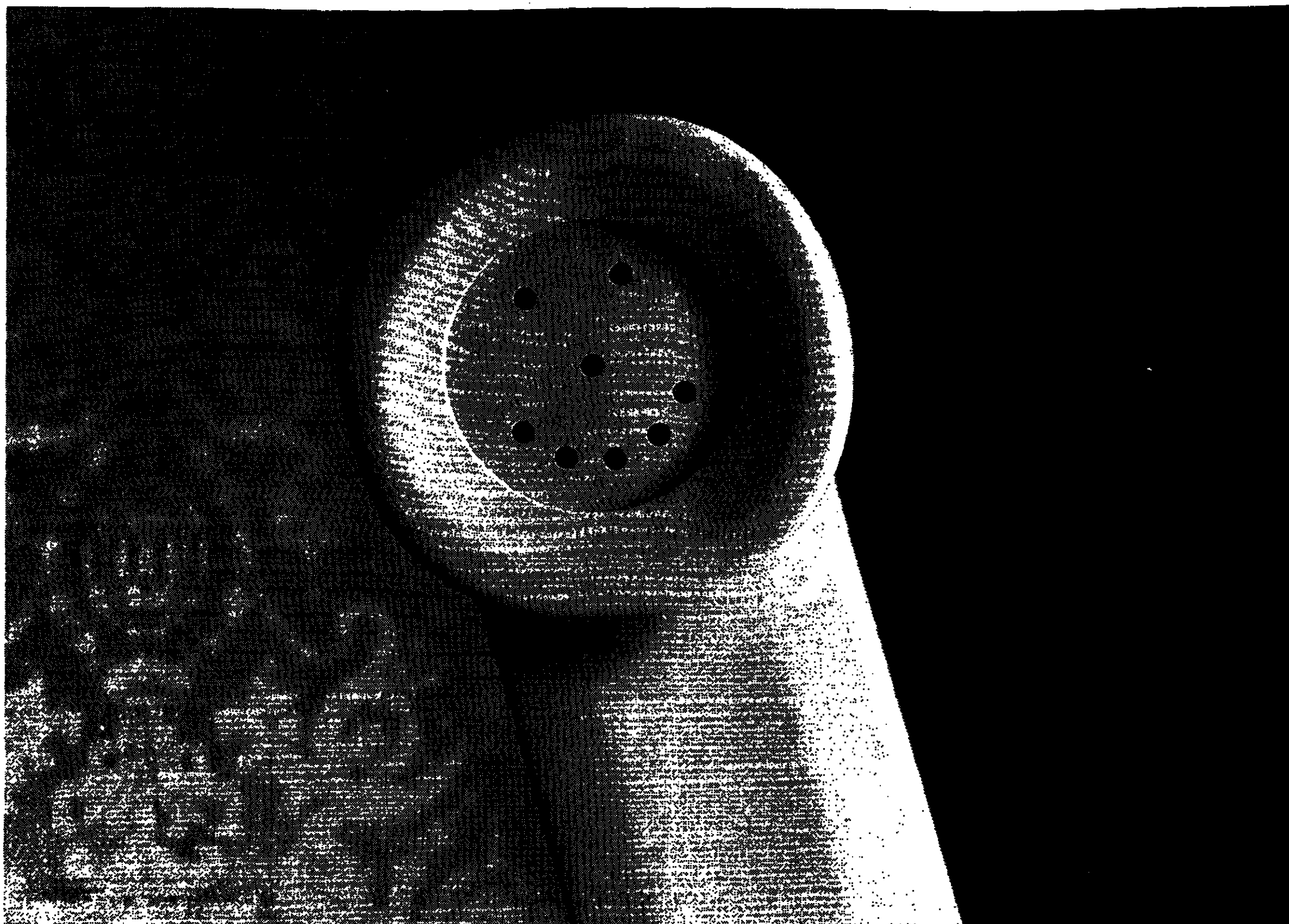
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## Selling part of their home unlocks income for elderly

By SARA MCCONNELL

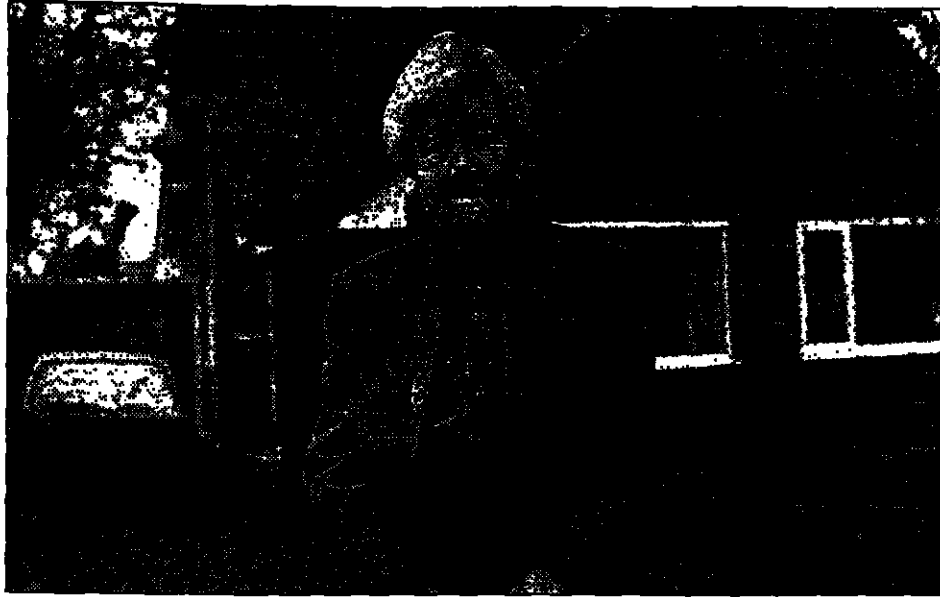
A SCHEME that enables elderly people to sell part of their home in return for an annuity that provides a monthly income has been launched by Hinton & Wild, the home income plan specialist, together with Carlyle Life.

The Renewable Home Income Plan means a homeowner sells whatever proportion of a property he or she chooses to Carlyle Life. The property is held in the joint names of the original owner and Carlyle Life. The minimum proportion is, initially, £15,000. The maximum depends on the property's value and the homeowner's age but is usually between a quarter and a half of the value of the property.

The sale buys an annuity that varies depending on the age and sex of the planholder but pays a guaranteed monthly income for five years. The level of income from an annuity is higher for older people, because insurance companies have to pay out for a shorter time. Women receive smaller incomes than men because statistics show that they live longer.

After five years, a property is revalued. If the value has gone up, the income will rise correspondingly. If the property is worth the same or less than before, the income level is determined by the proportion of the property committed to the plan. Whatever that proportion might be, the planholder has the right to live in the property for life.

Hinton & Wild said a woman aged 75, living in a home worth £75,000, would receive an income of £3,000 a year for five years if she sold 39 per cent of her home to Carlyle Life. If the property was worth the same after five years, and the woman chose to sell another 29.1 per cent of it, the £21,825 released would buy an annuity paying £3,000 a year for five years. If the value of the property had increased to £95,000, selling 29.1 per cent would provide an income of £3,800 a year for



Five-year plan: Frances Elliot is swapping part of her bungalow for an income

five years. Unlike plans that rely on income from an investment bond to pay off a mortgage secured on the property, the Renewable Home Income scheme offers a guaranteed level of income. Homeowners do not have to take out mortgages as part of the plan so there is no danger of repossession.

Frances Elliot, aged 80, a former headmistress who lives in Stourbridge, Worcestershire, is the first person to take up the new scheme. She has opted to sell 46 per cent of her £75,000, two-bedroom bungalow to Carlyle Life. The £34,500 realised will buy an annuity paying her £5,000 a year for the next five years. She will continue to own the other 54 per cent of her home.

Miss Elliot said: "I have no children or close relatives so I decided to enjoy some of the money from my home while I could. I will probably start needing help in the garden and in the house and I want to be able to provide transport for myself when I can't drive my car any more." She will review the scheme in five years to decide if she wants to continue it.

Cecil Hinton, managing director of Hinton & Wild, explained that the level of the annuity would be lower for participants in the scheme than it would be for people taking out a similar annuity with a cash lump sum. "You have to allow for the length of time that Carlyle Life is going to have to wait for the money," he said. "People are having the use of the money for five years." Carlyle Life would not be able to realise its investment until the owner moved house or died and the level of benefit reflected that.

Carlyle Life has guaranteed the level of benefits from the annuity in the scheme for six months. The company gave warnings this week, however, that benefits on annuities could fall by up to 5 per cent after that because of changes

in the way annuity business is taxed.

The changes, set out in this year's Finance Act, mean companies are taxed on the difference between their incomes and their management expenses. Those with high management expenses relative to income will pay less

tax. Allied Dunbar, which has at least half of the market for annuity-based home income plans, announced this week that it would sell no new plans after November 15. The company estimated that the tax changes would mean a reduction of up to a fifth in annuity benefits.

## Life package pays costs of death

THE over 50s are the main target for a new company that sells life insurance and offers a will-writing service and bereavement support counselling (Sara McConnell writes).

Hodgson Integrity, founded by Howard Hodgson, former owner of a chain of funeral parlours, will market its Integrity Classic programme early in the new year. Anyone returning an application form can tick a box if they want an adviser to visit them. The company is recruiting what it describes as a "mature" salesforce; this is likely to include retired professionals such as bankers, solicitors and accountants. The theory is that older people will feel more at ease with an older adviser.

However, anyone who, for a £90 fee, takes up the offer of a will-writing service, help with funeral arrangements and a gold card bringing discounts on a range of services including health, travel and holiday insurance, will also have to take out a life insurance policy. This pays out a guaranteed sum on death, intended to cover funeral expenses. The policy does not earn profits.

Mr Hodgson conceded that many people would not want

to take out an insurance policy, particularly if they already had savings or capital. The policy might be optional in future, he said.

Hodgson Integrity is a tied agent of EuroLife UK, so it can sell only EuroLife policies. EuroLife UK is a subsidiary of EuroLife International, which is based in Gibraltar and has about £30 million under management. Mike Neal, EuroLife UK's chief executive, said tied agents were normally advised to put policyholders into the property fund or the flexible money fund.

Performance of both funds has improved over the past four years but has still been worse than average. According to *Money Management* magazine, the flexible money fund, though top of its sector over ten years (£1,000 invested ten years ago would now be worth £2,377), came 64th out of 68 over seven years, making £1,000 into only £1,505.

The property fund was 30th out of 70 after seven years, the latest figures available. A sum of £1,000 invested seven years ago would now be worth £1,692.

The top performer in the sector, Colonial Mutual property, made £2,766 over the same period.

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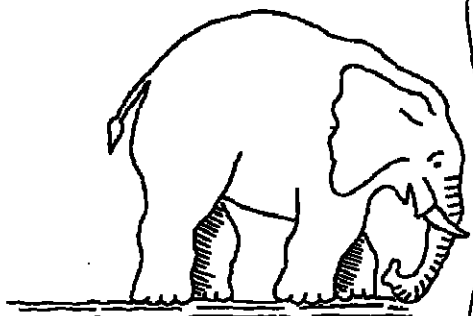
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Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>BANKS</b>						
Ordinary Dep A/c	2.53	2.66	2.12	none/none	7 day	
Typical						
Fixed Term Deposits						
Barclays	7.08	7.08	6.88	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
	7.41	7.41	6.93	25,000-50,000	9 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	6.28	6.28	6.10	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Branch
	6.65	6.65	6.52	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Branch
Midland	6.75	6.75	6.40	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 529655
	6.70	6.70	6.38	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 529655
NorthWest	6.89	6.89	6.53	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-728 1200
	6.47	6.47	6.18	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-728 1200

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS</b>						
Bank of Scotland MMC	6.48	6.08	5.84	2,500	none	031-442 7777
Prize A/c	5.78	5.91	4.73	2,500	none	0604 282861
Co-operative	2.25	2.30	1.84	1,000	none	071 626 9543
Ulster	2.25	2.30	1.84	1,000	none	021 965 2275
Lloyds	1.85	1.88	1.51	1,000	none	0272 433572
Midland HCA	5.35	5.42	4.34	2,000	none	0742 529655
NorthWest	5.08	5.18	4.13	500	none	071-674 3574
Special Reserve	6.08	6.21	4.97	2,500	none	031-658 6585
Scottish Bank A/c	4.99	4.99	3.75	2,000	none	071-600 8000

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>BUILDING SOCIETIES</b>						
Ordinary Share	6.25	6.25	4.20	1 mth	none	
Best buy - largest socs:						
Portman	7.50	7.50	6.00	1 mth	Inst.	
Bradford & B'g	8.85	8.85	6.50	1,000 min	Post.	
NorthEast	7.80	7.80	6.15	10,000 min	30 day	
Staples	8.30	8.30	6.84	2,500 min	30 day	
Bradford & B'g	8.84	8.84	7.07	25,000 min	1 year	

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>Best buy - all socs:</b>						
SouthWest	8.88	8.78	6.15	1 mth	Inst.	
Bradford & B'g	8.75	8.75	7.02	10,000 min	Post.	
Nottingham	8.10	8.10	6.48	10,000 min	30 day	
Teesdale	8.10	8.10	7.55	1,000 min	30 day	
Lancashire	9.25	9.25	7.41	25,000 min	1 year	

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>Cash/Cheque Accounts:</b>						
Barclays	2.81	2.81	2.25	50 min	Rate rise	
Albion & Lloyds	3.30	3.30	2.84	25 min	With larger	
Cash Plus	1.43	1.43	1.14	1 mth	Balance	
Anglia Plus	1.43	1.43	1.14	1 mth	Balance	

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>NATIONAL SAVINGS</b>						
Ordinary A/c	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-548-4555
Investment A/c	10.55	7.58	6.15	5-25,000	1 mth	041-548-4555
Income Bond	11.00	8.55	6.80	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond	11.00	8.55	6.80	5 mth	041-548-4555	
Child Income Cert	8.50	8.50	8.50	50-200/mth	14 day	091-586 4900
Yield Plan	8.50	8.50	8.50	50-200/mth	14 day	091-586 4900

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS</b>						
Property	8.80	8.80	7.51	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Confidential Life	8.75	8.75	7.44	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial A/c	9.00	9.00	7.55	5,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial A/c	8.50	8.50	7.57	5,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 0708
Financial A/c	8.95	8.95	7.50	5,000 min	5 yrs	for details

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>HPI (Shop 80-91)</b>						
Bank Deposit Rate	+4.1%					182.80
Personal Loan	10.5%					8.95
Credit Card	15.5-22%					215.00

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>LARGER LENDERS</b>						
Builder						
North & Peterborough	9.50	Negotiable	95	After 2% discount to 1.5%		
Nottingham & Provino	9.50	500	95	After 2% discount to 1.5%		
0274 733444						
Coverity	9.05	to 2125K	90	Capped for 2 years		
0203 552525						

Bank	Current rate	25% rate	40% rate	Min/max investment	Notice	Contact
<b>BANKS</b>						
BSP Mortgage	9.85	£15,001-500K	95	After 2% discount until 2.5%		
071 626 4002						

Source: The Times Guide Ltd. Financial Information Providers 0753 880022

## LETTERS

## Playing hunt the thimble for account balance

From Mrs Beardmore-Gray  
Sir, Like Mrs Trotter (October 12) I share an Access account with my husband. Recently our monthly statement went astray (our fault, not theirs) and by the time we'd noticed this, interest was mounting fast. I quickly rang to find out the current debt and to ask how much we should pay immediately in order to get back on the rails.

No straight answer was

forthcoming because, despite the fact that the monthly cheques are always signed by me on our joint account, "HIMSELF" is deemed to be Keeper of Finances and therefore the only fitting recipient of information. However the girl on the line did her best; we played telephonic HUNT THE THIMBLE and finally arrived at a sort of solution. ME: Should I send X pounds? SHE: I am not empowered to

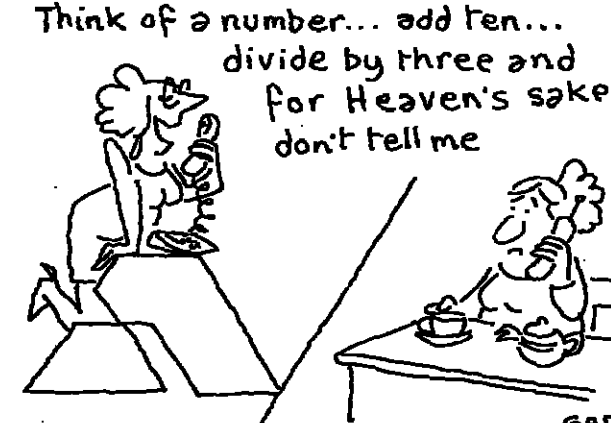
divulge any definite sum. ME: More than Y? SHE: Possibly. ME: Less than Z? SHE: A little etc. etc. etc. All very childish, but she did try to be flexible. Yours faithfully, R. BEARDMORE-GRAY, Warkburn House, Wark, Hexham, Northumberland.

## Sign of security

From R.J.M. Mitchell  
Sir, I read that banks and building societies are discussing ways of getting cards to customers by secure methods. Surely the simplest method would be to advise the customer that the card is awaiting collection at his/her branch. As the branch is supposed to recognise a customer's signature, this would seem to be a secure and relatively inexpensive solution. Yours faithfully, R.J.M. MITCHELL, 90 Broad Walk, Hockley, Essex.

## Electric shock

From R.D. Rowland-Hill  
Sir, I am the privileged owner of 100 shares in two electricity companies and have just received a dividend of £10.12 from each. The one deducted £3.12 for income tax, the other £3.13. This supposes H.M. Treasury has either a windfall gain or a loss. I wonder which? Yours faithfully, R.D. ROWLAND-HILL, Spring Cottage, West End Gardens, Fairfield, Gloucestershire.



## Encourage SIB to rule on disclosure of 'sales advice' cost

From the Editor, Good Retirement Guide  
Sir, Lindsay Cook is right in encouraging investors to write to SIB urging them to rule in favour of greater disclosure on commission earned by insurance salesmen. (Weekend Money October 19).

Quite by chance, one of the department managers at my local branch had just become a near neighbour of mine, so I left the letter with him to contact the errant customer services centre. This he did, assuring me that he was reasonably sure (but without 100% certainty) that my troubles were over.

Several months later, I have again been notified of the "pleasure" that Barclays continue to experience at my "continued business". It is not obvious how you stop this sorcerer's apprentice now that he has started to process, but I am very thankful that Barclays no longer have a penny of my money to look after. Yours faithfully, J.B.H. BYFIELD, Broad Ham, Burrough Street, Ash Martock, Somerset.

## Competitive pressure would lower commission charges

From A. Jenkins  
Sir, The present high and ever increasing levels of commission and charges on life and pension products can only be regulated through the competitive pressures which would inevitably follow clear and full disclosure.

The Security and Investment Board's persistent refusal to implement this most basic consumer protection, which is taken for granted in every other financial trans-

action from buying a copy of *The Times* to arranging a loan, brings into question the Board's fundamental role. Is it supposed to protect the consumer, or the life assurance industry? Some of the heaviest deductions for commission and charges are made from pension contributions. These could be easily regulated by only allowing tax relief on that part of the premium that is actually invested. In this way

## Investment trusts need risk labels

By SARA MCCONNELL  
INVESTORS should be selective when choosing an investment trust and not be carried away by aggressive marketing of new issues, County NatWest says in its annual report on the sector.

In the past five years, 97 new trusts have been launched, raising more than £2.5 billion. A recent trend is to offer trusts within personal equity plans. Under Fep rules, the full £5,000 annual allowance can be put into an

investment trust as long as it is a new issue. However, the report gives warning that "41 new and often unproven management groups have appeared and 15 types of new trust security have been issued (some not clearly enough risk labelled)".

Hamish Buchanan, a director of County NatWest's investment trust division and one of the authors of the report, said

## Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 24).

Share	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
1	+5	+2	+1	+5	+1					
2	+7	+3	+3	+2	+4					
3	+4	+5	+1	+1	+1					
4	+6	+1	+1	+5	+1					
5	+5	+5	+1	+2	+1					
6	+7	+3	+5	+2	+3					
7	+4	+2	+2	+3	+5					
8	+8	+1	+1	+5	+3					
9	+6	+6	+1	+2	+2					
10	+4	+2	+3	+3	+7					
11	+4	+2	+1	+4	+5					
12	+5	+6	+1	+1	+1					
13	+4	+1	+4	+3	+6					
14	+7	+4	+4	+1	+8					
15	+7	+1	+2	+4	+1					
16	+4	+4	+1	+1	+1					
17	+8	+2	+1	+4	+1					
18	+8	+4	+1	+1	+2					
19	+6	+4	+3	+1	+3					
20	+5	+1	+1	+4	+1					
21	+6	+5	+1	+1	+1					
22	+6	+3	+4	+2	+4					
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24	+6	+2	+2	+1	+2					
25	+7	+1	+1	+5	+1					
26	+6	+5	+2	+1	+2					
27	+5	+1	+2	+2	+5					
28	+7	+4	+3	+1	+4					
29	+5	+1	+1	+6	+2					
30	+8	+2	+5	+1	+2					
31	+6	+5	+2	+1	+1					
32	+8	+3	+5	+1	+2					
33	+4	+2	+3	+3	+4					
34	+6	+1	+1	+4	+1					
35	+5	+1	+2	+8	+2					
36	+3	+3	+1	+2	+5					
37	+7	+2	+4	+1	+3					
38	+3	+1	+2	+4	+4					
39	+5	+5	+2	+2	+1					
40	+3	+1	+2	+2	+5					
41	+6	+2	+2	+8	+1					
42	+4	+6	+1	+1	+2					
43	+6	+3	+1	+3	+5					
44	+8	+2	+3	+1	+3					

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## BOXING

# Morgan has ability to push Benn all the way

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IT IS not very often that a British promoter finds just the right opponent for his man, one to give him a good test and the crowd a good show. Too often the promoters have tended to play safe and gone for down-and-out big names or out-and-out no-hopers.

This time Barry Hearn appears to have got the right man for Nigel Benn: Lenzie Morgan. The American, aged 25 and 6ft 3in tall, has never been off his feet. He comes in as a substitute for Dario Matteoni, of Argentina, at the Brentwood Centre, Essex, tonight. Morgan is still ambitious and is thought to be strong enough to give Benn more than just a good workout.

Morgan should provide some answers about Benn's future at super-middleweight. How well will Benn take a punch at this heavier weight when middleweights have had him on the canvas? Have his punches become more effective now that he does not go sailing in, or, at least, not meant to?

His new trainer, Graham Moughton, who has had him for six weeks, maintains that Benn has not lost any of his power. "I have been working on his defence," Moughton said.

"He is working much harder than before. He has

good balance, a good jab and is hitting harder."

Morgan, whose right side still carries the horrific scars of a house fire in which he lost his mother and two sisters, is not daunted. He said: "I burnt 32 per cent in the fire. Boxing doesn't hurt me at all. Doctors said I'd never box again, and never walk again."

Morgan's record of six defeats in 17 contests can be misleading. Those losses were either close or against good opponents: Lamar Parks, a knockout specialist like Benn, Anthony Hembrick, Christophe Tiozzo, who had to get off the floor to gain a controversial verdict, and Andrew Maynard, a light-heavyweight.

Morgan, having been a sparring partner of Thomas Hearn and Sugar Ray Leonard, could even have picked up enough boxing to beat Benn. Benn does not like boxers. He prefers incoming fighters. Boxers are more difficult to hit, particularly the slick ones. They confuse him and put together neat, hurtful combinations.

"I patented myself after Hearn's, his jab and all that," Morgan said. "Sparring with him was a good learning experience for me. He likes me because I have a good jab."

The jab is the punch Benn dislikes most.

## Italian for Holyfield

EVANDER Holyfield, the undisputed world heavyweight champion, who was to have defended his title against Mike Tyson on November 8, has now been matched with the Italian, Francesco Damiani, in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 23.

Tyson reportedly pulled a rib cartilage last week and his promoter, Don King, hoped for a rematch before January 27,

when Tyson stands trial on a rape charge. Damiani, a former European champion, is expected to earn \$750,000 and Holyfield \$8 million.

The chief supporting bout will be between Lennox Lewis, the British and European champion, and Tyrell Biggs who, at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, beat Lewis on his way to defeating Damiani in the final.

## BASEBALL

## Twins toppled as Atlanta run riot

By ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Braves cracked out 17 hits in Atlanta on Thursday night to beat the Minnesota Twins 14-5, drawing within one win of the World Series championship. The Braves, who had eight extra-base hits, scored the most runs in a Series game since the New York Yankees had 16 against Pittsburgh in 1960.

Mark Lemke, the big man in Atlanta's two previous victories, batted in three runs and tied a Series record with two triples. On Tuesday, he had knocked in the winning run in the twelfth inning; then, the next night, he hit a triple in the ninth and scored on a sacrifice fly.

Nearly all of the Braves contributed on Thursday. David Justice batted in five runs and Lonnie Smith hit a home run for the third game in a row.

Brian Hunter hit a home run in Atlanta in his first game. Greg Olson and Ron Gant had three hits apiece and Rafael Belliard knocked in two runs. Atlanta set the tone with four runs in the fourth and settled things with six in the seventh. Tom Glavine was the winning pitcher.

Atlanta lost the first two games in Minneapolis so, when the best-of-seven play-off resumes in Minneapolis tonight, the Twins will have the Braves right where they want them. In the 1987 Series, against St Louis, the Twins took two at home, lost three away then won the last two at home to claim the title.

RESULT: Game five: Atlanta Braves 14, Minnesota Twins 5 (Atlanta lead best-of-seven Series 3-2).  
FUTURE: Tonight: Game six: Atlanta at Minnesota; Tomorrow: Game seven (if necessary): Atlanta at Minnesota.

## RUGBY UNION

## Bradford and Bedford defy all opponents

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

UNBEATEN, with ten wins from ten matches and a points tally of 522 scored to 60 conceded, Bradford GS added victory in the St Joseph's Ipswich Festival last weekend.

The Saturday group winners were RGS High Wycombe, Felsted, St Joseph's and Bradford and the runners-up: Trent, Merchiston Castle, Warwick and Downside. Campion, Arnold and the holders, Millfield failed to qualify for the final group matches, which resulted in Felsted meeting Bradford in a spirited final, won by Bradford (11-3).

The Plate Competition was won by Campion, who defeated Bishop Wordsworth's (12-3) in the final.

Bradford, for the third consecutive year, are unbeaten at the half-term break. Having defeated their Old Boys (17-5), they won their own festival with victories over Bishop's Stortford's (12-4) Bedford Modern (13-0), Omble (8-6) and Solihull (12-6).

The triumphant progress has continued and brought nine wins. None will have given greater satisfaction than those against Dulwich (17-6), Harrow (20-3) and Oundle (11-6).

The Leys have scored 203 points to 38 and are also undefeated. They beat Wisbech GS (31-4) in the Daily Mail Cup and deprived Perse of their unbeaten record (19-0).

## SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

## Mixed results on hard tour by Guernsey

By GEORGE CHESTERTON

ELIZABETH College, Guernsey have just returned from a half-term tour of four matches in five days, winning two and losing two.

After being 3-1 to Brentwood, they fought back to 3-3, thanks to the work of Pitt before Mathieson, of Brentwood, scored twice in the final five minutes to make it 5-3. They lost 2-1 to Forest with Fortune, an associate schoolboy with Tottenham Hotspur, opening the scoring; Lawlor made it 2-0 by half-time. Pitt pulled a goal back in the second half. The two Elizabeth College successes were against Chigwell 2-1 and Winchester 3-0.

In their final match before half-term Eton beat Shrewsbury 1-0. Eton had two early chances, but early in the second half Archer put over a long cross for Smith to head home.

Malvern were grateful to Makinson, who pulled off two acrobatic saves in their goalless draw against Wolverhampton, who two days earlier beat Highgate 2-0. Watts and Joseph were the scorers.

Queen Elizabeth's Blackburn faced Bolton, who won 2-1, with a somewhat depleted side. They missed Leeming, their outstanding midfielder. Bolton took a two-goal lead and played the better football but Bullough came on as substitute for OEGS at half-time and reduced the deficit.

# Welsh XIII can restore national pride

By a CORRESPONDENT



Hot potato: Jonathan Davies in training yesterday

WELSH rugby has already received one sharp jolt from a team from the South Seas this month in rugby union's World Cup and there could be another when the Welsh rugby league side meets Papua New Guinea at The Vetch Field, Swansea, tomorrow.

Nevertheless, having left rugby union's showpiece rather ingloriously, suffering defeats at the hands of Western Samoa and Australia, Welsh rugby supporters are desperately seeking a face-saving operation from the reformed national rugby league team.

Had former union players such as Jonathan Davies, John Devereux, Allan Bateman, Paul Moriarty, Mark Jones and David Young been available for the World Cup earlier in the month, the clouds hanging over the game in Wales might not be so black, but anyone thinking that the return of so many prodigious sons will be the key to success against Papua New Guinea side had better think again. The task facing Wales tomorrow is to end an 11-match losing run against a formidable side that beat

Great Britain last year and drew with France this summer.

"The pressure is really on us because everyone keeps asking where is Papua New Guinea. What people don't realise is that rugby league is their national sport and they are a very good side," Davies, the Welsh captain, said.

"They play in very much the same way as the Western Samoans and Fijians and they are very physical. We know it's going to be tough, but we'll be playing under

the Welsh banner again and we don't want to let anyone down."

Davies, who last captained a Welsh side when the rugby union team lost to Romania, at Cardiff Arms Park, in 1989, is one of nine former union internationals in the starting line-up, and one of four Great Britain league internationals.

The only survivor from the last Welsh international, against England at Ebbw Vale in 1984, is the Leeds full back, Phil Ford, while

the manager, Jim Mills, has a connection with the last Welsh rugby league victory, against the French, at Widsnes, on January 15, 1978.

WELSH: P Ford (Leeds), J Devereux (Widnes), A Bateman (Warrington), J Davies (Widnes, captain), A Sullivan (St Helens), J Griffiths (St Helens), K Ellis (Warrington), D Young (Salisbury), B Williams (Leeds), M Jones (Ipswich), P Moriarty (Widnes), R Ackerman (Cardiff), D Bishop (Widnes), A Hadley (Salford), R Phillips (Warrington), M Silva (Halifax), G Pearce (Scarborough).

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: I Wanaga, J Kouru, K Shemana, P Bopo, J Uradok, T Kani, S Hana (captain), J Uraga, K Ropitapan, A Napau, T Daku, M Tin, J Gripe, Substitutes: N Lapan, R Wagamale, M Angra, L Hoffman.

## St Helens plan an advance

By KEITH MACKLIN

WHILE Davies, Devereux and Moriarty play for the honour of Wales at Swansea, and Offish continues to stay away, Widnes are grateful to be without a first division fixture tomorrow. This gives St Helens a great opportunity to go above them to the top of the table, although St Helens would have wished for an easier fixture than a trip to play Leeds at Headingley.

St Helens, who had a tough game against Salford on Wednesday, are still without half the regulars in the team because of injuries, and they may feel a backlash from Leeds, who have lost two

consecutive matches. However, what may favour St Helens is that Ellery Hanley is rated extremely doubtful for the match, despite the player's usual determination to turn out regardless of injury. Paul Bishop, the St Helens half back, will miss the match, although his suspension for stamping was reduced from four matches to two.

Wigan, whose injury situation is worse than that of St Helens, need a victory to restore their title challenge, and it may not be easy against a Halifax side that has scored more than 100 points in its last two games.

The Castleford celebrations following their Yorkshire Cup success last Sunday soon evaporated with their defeat at Warrington, but they should recover some ground with a home derby game against Featherstone Rovers, whose poor season will not be helped by the departure of their inspirational coach, Peter Fox, to Bradford.

The outstanding game in the second division brings together Oldham and Sheffield Eagles at the Watersheddings. The championship of the second division, and promotion, will likely rest between these teams.

Browne model: Britain in the UK.



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Team's attitude pleases United manager

# Ferguson faces up to relinquishing lead of first division

By IAN ROSS

ALEX Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, almost seemed to be readying himself for an adverse reaction to Wednesday's European Cup Winners Cup defeat by Atlético Madrid yesterday, as he attempted to lift the spirits of his squad by using the "one game at a time" maxim.

If United should lose against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough this afternoon, the leadership of the first division will change hands, for the first time in seven weeks, providing Leeds United, who are second, can defeat Oldham Athletic at Eland Road.

Although that scenario is hypothetical, Ferguson chose to answer the question of its ramifications before it was asked.

"There might well come a time when we will have to be in second or third place but that does not concern me," he said. "All that really matters is that we are still in the frame come March."

"It is important we forget about that 3-0 defeat in Madrid and concentrate on maintaining our form in the

league. I always observe players closely after games to see how much defeat means to them. It was a quiet plane on the way home from Spain and I am pleased about that."

Ferguson expects the game today at Hillsborough to be every bit as demanding as his side's last three League fixtures, against Tottenham Hotspur, Liverpool and Arsenal. "This will be as tough," he said. "Our 4-2 victory a couple of years ago was our first at the ground for a very long time."

With his side disrupted by injuries and suspensions, Ferguson has every reason to be apprehensive about the outcome.

Hughes, the Welsh international forward, today starts a three-match ban, as does his natural replacement, Robins. Phelan will be missing because of injury and Ince and Robson will play only if they pass late fitness tests.

Wednesday, whose progress under Trevor Francis this season is admirable, expect Sheridan and Warhurst to recover from slight injury problems although Pearson may be forced to hand the

captain's armband to Anderson, the former United and England defender.

A fortnight ago, Graeme Souness, the manager of Liverpool, said it was inconceivable that his club's injury problems could deepen any further. He should have known better.

Nicol, the Scottish international, who has been the mainstay of a depleted defence this season, is the latest addition to a casualty list unparalleled in Liverpool's history and will be absent for at least three weeks after damaging a hamstring during the midweek UEFA Cup defeat by Auxerre in France.

With Ablett suspended, Souness yesterday included Hyson and Molby in his side for the game against Coventry City at Anfield. Neither man has made a senior appearance since May and both have only recently recovered from serious injury.

Also missing for Liverpool — with one win in the last eight weeks — is McManaman, the England under-21 midfielder, who has been ordered to rest.



Dual role: Shreeves, coach of Wales and manager of Tottenham Hotspur, takes delight even in defeat

## Playing percentages is ruining the game

Clive White looks at the state of English football with Peter Shreeves, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur

Anyone who can watch his team and his week before his eyes by superior opposition and describe it as a "privilege" has to be either a masochist or a slave to the game of football. One thing is sure: Peter Shreeves loves his football.

It was in his capacity as coach of Wales's national team that Shreeves saw the new United Germany taking awesome shape in Nuremberg last week. It was small consolation for probably losing the chance of competing in the European championship finals in Sweden next summer.

This week, wearing his Tottenham Hotspur hat, Shreeves finished on the winning side against European opposition to keep alive that Continental involvement. But when the thrill of the chase against Porto was over, he was left feeling every bit as dejected and frustrated as he had been in Germany.

"Your appetite gets whetted on what you see from the opposition in games like those and you want to incorporate it into your own team," he said. "But you're not able to because of the time factor involved in the English game."

The Portuguese showed some super movement off the ball that I would love to work on with my own players but it's impossible. We've been playing Saturday-Wednesday Saturday since the start of the season. It's a case of dusting them down after each game and pitching them straight back into another one.

The European challenge —

He accepts, of course, that some people will never aspire to those levels. Even at his own club, certain provisos — such as the need to knuckle down and compete for the ball — are attached. He has even permitted himself the occasional treacherous act of looking admiringly across north London to compare Arsenal's home record to his own team's indifferent one.

The Tottenham aficionados, however, are a finicky lot and might need convincing that the extra success is worth sacrificing style. What time Tottenham have been able to devote to training has been spent trying to make them a more efficient unit in the smaller matter of scoring goals.

"The young Tottenham midfield players are like a carbon copy of one another. They're all nice and neat but they're seldom seen bursting into goal areas to score. I'm looking to change that," he said.

It must be bad enough for a manager working for a boss who thinks he knows more about the game without working for one who actually does. Yet Shreeves has found a like-minded ally in Venables, who swapped his hot seat for something even more searing when he and Alan Sugar bought the club last summer.

"Terry's first class. He's a very astute football man," Shreeves said. "He allows me to get on with the football side of it but we'll still bounce ideas off one another. Because he's very experienced, he maybe sees things I haven't. There aren't too many chief executives or chairmen I could say that about."

## Penrice signs to join his old manager

GARY Penrice, the unsettled Aston Villa forward, joined Queen's Park Rangers yesterday on a four-and-a-half-year contract in a £625,000 transfer deal.

Penrice is linking again with Gerry Francis, the Rangers manager, who sold him to Watford for £500,000 in November 1989. Penrice said: "I only wanted to play for Gerry." Penrice joined Villa for £825,000 in March, but scored just once in 20 games.

Colin Pates, the Arsenal defender, today asked to be taken off the transfer list.

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## MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISION

By CLIVE WHITE

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their ill-fated association with Dr Venables. Kubicki, Staunton and McGrath return in defence and Regis in attack, though Darren Allen is still plagued by niggling injuries. Withe, their former assistant manager, may have to wait a while longer for his first win with Wimbledon. Blackwell and Joseph are doubtful.

**Crystal Palace v Chelsea**

Palace are slowly coming to terms with life without Wright, unlike Chelsea, whom one senses are still pining for Durie. Townsend is included in the Chelsea squad and speculation that he requires a groin operation. His loss would be felt even more than Durie's. Hitchcock continues in goal despite Souness's availability. Wise, who was sent off in the corresponding fixture last season, is again under suspension. Shaw returns from injury for Palace.

**Leeds v Oldham**

All the Leeds injured, but probably McAlister, will return for a game which will see Leeds go top of the table if they win and Manchester United lose. Even Wallace is poised to return after an absence of seven weeks with a groin injury. Palmer, Oldham's record goalscorer who has not played this season because of injury, could make his return. Kildine is also in contention.

**Liverpool v Coventry**

The sight of Hyson, the unfancied Swede, back in the Liverpool team after injury could be taken as a measure of their desperation. He is much welcomed all the same in the absence of Nicol, out for three weeks with a hamstring injury. The return of Molby, also from a lengthy injury, should improve their passing game. Ablett is suspended and McManaman, the former Tottenham defender who was suspended by Norwich for boycotting a pre-season friendly, could start here if he is fit. Blades and Lilleshield return from injury and illness.

**Manchester City v Sheffield U**

If history is to repeat itself then United's revival is already underway. Last season's astonishing recovery was sparked by a victory over Nottingham Forest, whom the first division's bottom club beat last week. Deane is still unavailable with a glaucoma fever as is Hodgson, who has lost their last three home games in the league, except to see Raul, Colton and Neil returned to the side after injury.

**Norwich v Luton**

Luton, bedeviled by injury all season, give six players fitness tests, with Preese, Gray and Hartford all particularly doubtful. Oakes and Luton, both new signings, are the only eight teams left in the league who have not been in the Blues fold since they were founded. Fleet and Lilleshield return from injury and illness.

**Nottm F v Southampton**

Never caught a winning team, Nottm are back in the first division when you have just won at Eland Road. Enough reason for Charles not finding his way back into the first team even though recovered from a chest infection. Charles holds on to 2.0 start. Similarly,

**Southampton will stick with Le Tissier** in a new attacking role alongside Shearer after experienced a rare victory in midweek, in a Zurich Data Cup tie, at Bristol City.

**QPR v Everton**

Everton's curiously erratic season took another turn for the worse last week at home to Aston Villa after the comparative consistency of their previous games in which they were unbeaten. Ratcliffe has a knee injury and is replaced by Hinchcliffe. Ward and Harper require rest. The match sought after Sinton is Rangers's latest injury victim, joining a list which includes McDonald, Wagar, Wilkins and Ferdinand.

**Sheff Wed v Man United**

United's character as much as the league leadership will be on the line at Hillsborough after the desperately disappointing finish to their Cup Winners Cup tie in Madrid. It will be a test of their resources without Hughes and Robins (both suspended), Ince (injured) and Phelan (back). Anderson, Almer, and Shearer, may lead Wednesday's challenge if Pearson is unfit. Warhurst and Sheridan are set to return.

**West Ham v Tottenham**

Tottenham, attempting to transfer their European success to their domestic programme, set to retain the side which beat Porto in midweek. Spurs have lost their last three league games: Thomas, Ford and Souness. Slater return after recovering from a midweek bout of flu for a West Ham side whose form at home, like Spurs, inferior to that away. Foster is again ruled out with a back injury.

## RACING

# Jockeys incensed by 250% increase in licence fees

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

JOCKEYS face paying £100 instead of £40 next year for their annual licences to help pay for Jockey Club administration costs. The 250 per cent increase, approved by Portman Square yesterday, has been met with private fury that the Jockeys' Association and senior jockeys.

Apart from the manner in which the decision was taken and conveyed to the jockeys' organisation — including sending the letter to premises it wanted a year ago — the rise itself has caused great resentment.

The Jockeys' Association, which is playing a key role in the setting up of overnight declaration of jockeys, had been led privately that the rise could fall as a result of copyright income generated by the new declaration system.

A letter from Christopher Spence, the Jockey Club's steward, said the rise was forwarded by the post office to Michael Caulfield, secretary to the Jockeys' Association, said the Jockey Club required increased fees to balance its budget. In 1990, racing administration cost £11.7 million.

"It was felt that the present charges did not fully reflect the value of the services provided by Portman Square, or a fair division of our costs between the various sectors of the industry," Spence wrote. "The Jockey Club has decided to increase its charges to help towards redressing this imbalance."

"We have therefore set the charge for 1992 at £100 for both Flat and jump jockeys (compared with £39 and £40 for 1991)."

Caulfield said yesterday: "The increase is exorbitant, the manner of its announcement was discourteous and the whole thing is incredible."

"I don't mind being destroyed in debate or defeated in committee but when you have operated to such an extent to solve a problem [of overnight declaration] which the Jockey Club could not solve and you get this, I feel very badly let down."

"We are being made to look fools. How can they expect to bring the industry with them when they behave in this high-handed manner?"

Richard Duwoody said yesterday: "I hope the Jockey Club will think twice before introducing this. The proposed licence fees are a bit severe. It is not so bad for the top jockeys, but it will mean a lot to the lads who get only 100-200 rides a season."

There are currently 140 fully licensed Flat jockeys, 270 apprentices and 166 fully licensed National Hunt jockeys and 200 conditional riders.



Caulfield: feels let down by Jockey Club

## Espy gives new team record-breaking start

By RICHARD EVANS

ESPY broke the two-and-a-half mile chase record at Newbury yesterday to give Charlie Brooks and Graham Bradley the best possible start to their new partnership.

The young trainer and talented jockey are both naturally colourful characters who have not been without their critics. Bradley is set to ride most of the Upper Lambourn trainer's horses and Brooks could not have been more pleased with the ride given to Espy, two-length winner of the Glywlad International Handicap Chase.

"He rode a wonderful race," Brooks said. "I asked him to be five lengths off the lead all the way and not ask the horse to do anything in a hurry. I am delighted because I have a feeling my relationship with Brad will be crowned or hung very quickly by general opinion."

"If things go well for us in the next two months, everyone will say 'that was a bit of a good idea.' So we need a bit of luck and good results. Everybody is ready to judge our relationship very quickly."

Espy, who took more than five seconds off the record set eight years ago by The Mighty Mac, now goes for the Mackeson Gold Cup on November 9.

George Cole, of *Minder* fame, could give Arthur Daley a tip on how to earn a few pounds following his latest racing success in the Falcon Catering Equipment Novices' Hurdle.

Huso, winner of two Flat races this season, was sent off the 13-8 favourite for his hurdling debut and, despite swishing his tail, won nicely.

The victory provided Cole with his fourth win since buying his first two horses last year. Daley Briche, his other purchase and a winner last season, runs at Newbury today.

Guy Harwood, who will have 20 jumpers this season, continues his fine National Hunt run when Peace King battles on in determined fashion to take the Seven Barrows Handicap Hurdle and provide the Purborough trainer with his fourth win from five starts.

Amanda Harwood, the trainer's daughter, said: "It would be nice if we can keep up this record. Peace King is a really tough little horse and runs well fresh. He may run in the ASW hurdle at Cheltenham next month."

Bookcase, who ran in last year's Derby, may give chasing his second victory over timber in the Flavel-Leisure Four-Year-Old Hurdle.

## Turgeon goes in search of second Leger

TURGEON, the Irish St Leger winner, chases a second classic success tomorrow when he contests the group one Prix Royal Oak (French St Leger) at Longchamp (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Among his opponents will be Chris Bristow's tough stayer Shambo and the 1989 St Leger winner Michelozzo, now trained by John Hammond.

On the same programme, Vincent O'Brien saddles Archway in the group three Prix du Petit-Couvert while Lord Huntingdon goes to Saint-Cyr in the listed Prix de Melpome.

In Milan today, Alhijaz, trained by John Dunlop and ridden by Lester Piggott, spearheads powerful British send-offs for the group one Gran Criterium at San Siro.

Italy's top juvenile prize is also the target of Minstrel's Age, Secret Train, Nan A Buck, First Century, Rokeby, Governor's Imp and Wilde Ruffo.

James Fanshawe runs Chipman and Ian Balding saddles Fairy Flax in the day's other group race, the Premio Bagutta Memorial Sergio Cusani.

Clifford Hansen runs Only Yours in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Kempton today en route to a possible crack at the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Distaff. John Gosden runs Satin Flower while Pat Eddery rides Polemic for Maurice Zilber.

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# Ninja Dancer can provide Cecil with her biggest success

FOLLOWING that resounding success over a mile at Ascot a fortnight ago, Ninja Dancer can give first-season trainer Julie Cecil her biggest win to date in the *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster today.

It was the manner of that win which prompted connections to pay the £18,000 supplementary entry fee for today's group one race.

Significantly, the Ascot race could well hold the key, for two reasons. Firstly, it showed that Ninja Dancer has the measure of the Henry Cecil-trained King's Loch. Secondly, it provided a line through the third horse, Rokeby, which suggests that Ninja Dancer should be able to beat fellow supplementary entry, Seattle Rhyne.

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too strongly for King's Loch, so much so that I can see no reason why the latter should become Henry Cecil's ninth winner of the race, even though he will almost certainly appreciate the faster ground.

Peter Walwyn, Dick Hern and Guy Harwood are other trainers with good records in the race. In the Seventies Linden Tree, Sporting Yankee and Dactylographer won it for Walwyn, who saddles Anchorage, while both Emmson and Al Hareb struck for Hern, who runs on Rokeby.

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2.10 Golden Chip.	2.10 Charming Gift.
2.40 Thrill.	2.40 Cecil.
3.10 Beachcamp Fizz.	3.10 Eire Leah-Scot.
3.45 Ninja Dancer.	3.45 Ninja Dancer.
4.15 Tazmin.	4.15 Regal Chimes.
4.45 RASCO (nap).	4.45 Louisa Scarlett.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Ninja Dancer, 4.15 Tazmin.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM  
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2.10 AUTUMN SELLING STAKES (€3,356: 1m 20 80yd) (15 runners)									
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3	(3)	000000	FINAL AUL 112 (F. Connelley) J. Harris 4-0-0	J Lowe	78				
4	(4)	000000	MODIST HOPE 23 (J. McLaughlin) G. Eden 4-0-0	W Carson	89				
5	(5)	000000	ROYAL PASSION 17 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	G Duffield	84				
6	(6)	000000	WALKING SAINT 18 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	J Lowe	89				
7	(7)	000000	WAVE MASTER 18 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	S Doyle	89				
8	(8)	000000	BELARUS 11 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	S Doyle	89				
9	(9)	000000	CHAMPING GIFT 75 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	S Doyle	89				
10	(10)	000000	FRIENDLYPERSUASION 10 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	S Doyle	89				
11	(11)	000000	GOLDEN CHIP 19 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	J Fortune	89				
12	(12)	000000	ROYAL PASSION 17 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	S Doyle	89				
13	(13)	000000	ROSES HAVE THORNS 19 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	F Norton	89				
14	(14)	000000	BOLD SAIL 11 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Harris 4-0-0	M Birch	99				
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SETTINGS: 4-1 Charming Gift, 5-2 Waving Saint, 5-1 Royal Passion, 11-2 Modest Hope, 13-2 Wave Master, 14-1 Breeze, 15-1 Bell Lant.

1990: ROYAL PASSION 5-4 A Munro (5-1) M. Jarvis 13 m

2.40 HOPPEGARTEN HANDICAP (€4,240: 8) (19 runners)

1	141341	SAGE 12 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	D. Mearns	9-0-0	S Doyle	91
2	100411	THORQUE 14 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	M. Tompkins	4-0-0	R Cochrane	92
3	544442	TRIVIALITY 22 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
4	000445	LETSGETSTAYOUT 17 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
5	000000	PADDY CHALK 14 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	M. Tompkins	4-0-0	W Carson	95
6	100000	PRODIGE 18 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
7	000000	FINAL SHOT 18 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
8	000000	SNOWFLAKE 14 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
9	000000	BOLD ANITA 17 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
10	000000	MAREMARE 22 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
11	000000	SUPERBAST 22 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
12	000000	PRETENSE 18 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
13	000000	COUNTRY 18 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
14	000000	MERRYHILL 14 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
15	000000	KINETON 10 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
16	000000	DUNDEE 14 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95
17	000000	PILICIA 12 (D.F.)	(S. Sponner)	J. Gosden	5-0-2	W Carson	95

Long handicap: Doreen 7-4, Flicke 7-2.

SETTINGS: 4-1 GR Thorne, 5-1 Scappa, 7-2 Flicke, 7-1 Dry Day, 10-1 Sprock, 11-1 Barrie Wood, 12-1 Lashbrook, 13-1 Mares, 14-1 Pretense, 15-1 Kineton, 16-1 Kineton, 20-1 others.

1990: SEA DEVIL 4-7-8 L. Charnock (5-1) M. Camacho 12 m

3.10

CORAL HANDICAP (€5,285: 1m 40) (12 runners)

C-4

1 (1) 284-021	VENTURIST 16 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Gosden 4-0-0	C Aumussen 95
2 (2) 011184	FLOWN 35 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) R. Hanson 4-0-0	J Field 95
3 (3) 010000	MURRAY 20 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Stewart 5-0-3	W Carson 95
4 (4) 201405	BARRISH 9 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) R. Hanson 4-0-0	F Norton 95
5 (5) 000101	MYSTERIOUS 12 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Pearce 4-0-3	C Aumussen 95
6 (6) 000000	COUNTRY 18 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Gosden 5-0-2	J Carroll 95
7 (7) 000000	EIRE LEATH-SCAL 9 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) M. Brittain 4-0-0	S Malone 95
8 (8) 000000	BUSHY TAILED 10 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Gosden 5-0-2	R Cochrane 95
9 (9) 000000	BEAUCHAMP 12 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Gosden 5-0-2	R Cochrane 95
10 (10) 000000	MAREMARE 22 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Gosden 5-0-2	R Cochrane 95
11 (11) 000000	MAREMARE 22 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Gosden 5-0-2	R Cochrane 95
12 (12) 000000	SAPPHIRE 18 (D.F.) (S. Sponner) J. Whitaker 4-0-0	Dale Gibson 95

BETTING:

3-1 Venturist, 13-2 Murray, 7-1 Frown, 5-1 Bushy Tailed, 9-1 Country, 12-1 Eire Leath-Scal, 20-1 Fawn, 10

SETTINGS: 5-1 Venturist, 6-1 Burrell, 10-1 Murell, 11-1 Fawn, 12-1 Bushy Tailed, 13-1 Trojan, 14-1 Murell, 15-1 Murell, 16-1 Murell.

1990: LAUNDRY 3-10 K. Derry (5-1) L. Curran 14 m

VENTURIST made all to beat Ambassador Royale 11 in handicap (1m 4f, good to firm) appreciation Handi- cap, FLOWN 5/4 (4f to 14 to follow in Newbury (1m 5f good, good to firm) handicap with BARBERSH 11th; earlier like him Burton 3d in 12-runner Torquay (1m 5f, firm) handicap in August.	of 14 to Kiveton Kazebo in Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) handicap with BARBERSH (20 better off) 1/4 (5th RUSBY TALLEY beat Garyard 19d 1/4 in 16-runner handicap (1m 5f, good to firm) handicap. DEVALUACH FZZ 7/10th of 9 to Arved in Newmarket (1m 5f, good to firm) handicap; earlier beat BARBERSH (40 better off) 1/4 in 8-runner Ewesley (1m 4f, firm) handicap last month. TROJAN LANCER beat Aubrey 2/3d in 6-run- ner Cardale (1m 4f, good to firm) handicap with MARGIS 6th, 60th better off) 25d 5th. Selections VENTURIST
AL MUTANIM 4/4d 3d in 16 to Golden Torque in Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm) handicap with LEATH- SICAL 5/4 (7f, MYSTERIOUS MAID beat TROJAN LANCER (10 better off) 11 in 20-runner Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm) handicap. SIRE LEATH-SICAL 5/4 5th	

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.00 Lochsone.	1.00 A LITTLE	1.30 CHURCH
2.20 Guit the Breeze	PRECIOUS (nap).	MISSIONARY (nap).
3.00 Snow Forest.	1.30 Halkopos.	2.10 Rum Rings.
4.20 Rum Rings.	2.00 Snow Forest.	3.35 Inchacalloch.
5.20 Red Bishop.	2.30 Rum Rings.	
6.35 Inchacalloch.	3.00 Further.	
7.10 Flyce Flyer.	3.35 Aljazeera.	

7-4 Barndale, 7-2 Royal Crackers, 9-2 Tigers Pet, 5-1 Tappi Jones, 10-1 Green Stuff, 14-1 Sandmop Prince.

SETTINGS: 4-1 Barndale, 5-1 Tappi Jones, 6-1 Tappi Jones, 7-1 Tappi Jones, 8-1 Tappi Jones, 9-1 Tappi Jones, 10-1 Tappi Jones, 11-1 Tappi Jones, 12-1 Tappi Jones, 13-1 Tappi Jones, 14-1 Tappi Jones, 15-1 Tappi Jones, 16-1 Tappi Jones, 17-1 Tappi Jones, 18-1 Tappi Jones, 19-1 Tappi Jones, 20-1 Tappi Jones, 21-1 Tappi Jones, 22-1 Tappi Jones, 23-1 Tappi Jones, 24-1 Tappi Jones, 25-1 Tappi Jones, 26-1 Tappi Jones, 27-1 Tappi Jones, 28-1 Tappi Jones, 29-1 Tappi Jones, 30-1 Tappi Jones, 31-1 Tappi Jones, 32-1 Tappi Jones, 33-1 Tappi Jones, 34-1 Tappi Jones, 35-1 Tappi Jones, 36-1 Tappi Jones, 37-1 Tappi Jones, 38-1 Tappi Jones, 39-1 Tappi Jones, 40-1 Tappi Jones, 41-1 Tappi Jones, 42-1 Tappi Jones, 43-1 Tappi Jones, 44-1 Tappi Jones, 45-1 Tappi Jones, 46-1 Tappi Jones, 47-1 Tappi Jones, 48-1 Tappi Jones, 49-1 Tappi Jones, 50-1 Tappi Jones, 51-1 Tappi Jones, 52-1 Tappi Jones, 53-1 Tappi Jones, 54-1 Tappi Jones, 55-1 Tappi Jones, 56-1 Tappi Jones, 57-1 Tappi Jones, 58-1 Tappi Jones, 59-1 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# Australia bar way to New Zealand retaining trophy

# Heat on Southgate's youth

Grafhaus and his threatening opponent. Grafhaus second serve at every opportunity. But ten double faults, three in the first game, upset her best laid plans and she was well beaten in the end.

"I don't know what to expect with her," Graf, who played Paulus in today's semi-final, said. "Today I tried a lot of things and it paid off. You have to make her think too." Incidentally, the other person to beat Graf at Brighton was Britain's own Jo Durie.

**RESULTS:** Quarter-finals: C. Lindqvist (SWE) bt K. Melaveva (BUL), 6-2, 7-6; S. Graf (GER) bt L. McNeil (USA), 7-5, 6-2; B. Paulus (AUSTRIA) bt N. Tauziat (FRA), a/c.

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An unbeaten stand of 171 between Zahid Fazal and Salim Malik set up Pakistan's success. Zahid was two runs short of a century when was carried off on a stretcher after an attack of cramp. He faced 120 deliveries and hit eight fours and a six. (Reuter)

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Zahid Fazal ret hurt	96
Salim Malik c Azharuddin b Prabhakar	89

# Thinking fan's view of life on the terraces



## Stylish Lindqvist threatens Graf's Brighton hegemony

Yesterday, she gave more than a glimpse of her talent and her fallibility. Twice she served for the match, twice nerve betrayed her as Maloewev exposed every sign of frailty. Only in the tie-break, reached after six successive breaks of serve, did Linderoth assert her authority, sweet backed down the line completing a 6-2 7-6 win on her first match point.

In five of their six meetings McNeil has taken a set off Graf without managing a second. She plays a game Graf hates, coming to the net behind a slice of backhand and threatening Graf's second serve at every

**Thursday she beat another seed, Natalia Zvereva.**

Lindqvist, in fact, is one of only two players to beat Graf at Brighton and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the two will meet again in the final tomorrow, so fluently is the Swede playing. Admittedly, that win was in Graf's first year on the tour and the German has gained her revenge twice since in the 1986 final and in the semi-final last year. But, on her day, as Wood said earlier in the week, Lindqvist is a potential

## FOR THE RECORD

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**HOCKEY**

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**Laura Davies: leading the golf field in Cannes**



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**ICE HOCKEY**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL):** New Jersey Devils 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Montreal Canadiens 5, Quebec Nordiques 2; Philadelphia Flyers 5, New York Islanders 2; St. Louis Blues 4, Chicago Blackhawks 2; St. Louis Blues 6, Boston Bruins 1; Vancouver Canucks 3, Washington Capitals 1.

**RUGBY LEAGUE**

**YOUNGERS ALLIANCE:** Second division match: Hullsarl 20, Ryndale York 26.

**RUGBY UNION**

**CLUB MATCHES:** Kales 12, Gais 35; London Irish 12, IL Dublin 13.

**SPEEDWAY**

**BRADFORD CUP:** First, second leg: Poole 43, Bradford 47 (at Poole, Bradford won 108-74 on aggregate).

**SEAT-NEED CARBS WAR OF THE ROSES:** Second leg: Bradford 45, Seals 54 (2:00 p.m. live info 105-72 on aggregate).

**ANGLIAN CUP:** Ipswich 45, King's Lynn 45.

**CONQUEROR'S**

**TORONTO:** Canadian Open cl

**Men:** Semi-finals: C Dittmer (Aus) bt J Jhangh  
Khan (Pak), 15-12, 17-15, 4-0, n.r.d. R Martin  
(Aus) bt C Robertson (Aus), 15-11, 15-13, 15-11.  
**Women:** First round: S Wright (Eng) bt E  
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(Eng) bt C Miett (Eng), 9-4, 9-6, 9-1. N Beaumont  
(Neth) bt R Macrae (Eng), 9-8, 9-5, 9-6.  
Lambourne (Aus) bt D Grezica (Ger), 9-2, 9-2, 9-3.  
C Owens (Aus) bt T Mallym (Fin), 9-7, 9-8, 9-4.  
4, 7-8, 3-8; B Hoogendoorn (Neth) bt K Redfern  
(Ger), 8-10, 9-8, 9-8, 9-7. F Fitzgerald (Aus) bt S  
Harvey (Can), 9-1, 9-0, 9-0. N Solan (Aus) bt A  
Humble (Can), 9-8, 9-5, n.r.t. S Schorn (Ger) bt  
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## Hat-trick by Aqib takes India apart

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**An unbeaten stand  
between Zahid Fazal and**

**PAKISTAN**

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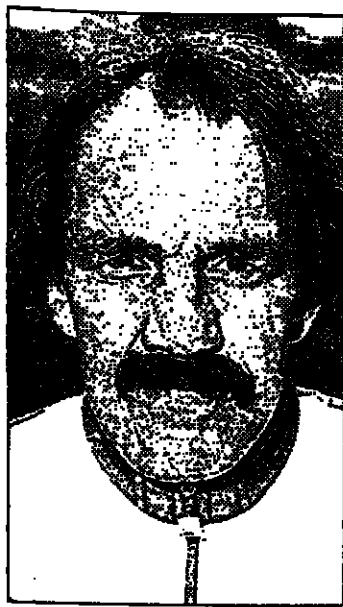
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# Single-minded Uttley defends corporate tactics



Uttley: adventure second

As England and Scotland prepare for their semi-final this afternoon, the Rugby World Cup is experiencing many of the same conflicting phenomena as the round-ball World Cup 25 years ago.

The pressures of the Calcutta Cup encounter 18 months ago, when Scotland denied England the grand slam, are little compared with the tension that will gnaw at players today, and when New Zealand play Australia in Dublin tomorrow.

And the game, as a consequence, is improving and suffering simultaneously. Rugby Union is far advanced in tactical sophistication, from even ten years ago. Scotland or England will hail victory today as an unparalleled success, yet triumph will be accompanied by worryingly negative as well as positive developments.

The inherent contradictions are

evident in the words of Roger Uttley, the England coach, when he says: "It has become a fascinating [tactical] game, to an extent the layman doesn't realise. We could be listening to Alf Ramsey all over again."

The higher that rugby's profile is inexorably raised by the World Cup, the greater the so-called importance of the result: the more sophisticated the game becomes, the more difficult it is for a newly-generated audience to understand what is happening on the field beyond winning or losing.

"You can't have it both ways, playing Barbarians-style adventurous rugby while making sure errors are eliminated," Uttley says.

Here is that familiar ring of the pragmatic coach. Uttley's credentials, as a British Isles tour member in 1974 and 1977 and a player in England's grand slam team in 1980, are as impeccable as

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were Ramsey's. Like Ramsey 25 years ago, Uttley is coaching England first to win, second to entertain. Scotland's coach, Ian McGeechan, embraces the same policy. "We believe our supporters enjoy watching us," McGeechan says.

The parallels with 1966 are clear, even if Ramsey's professionals faced a wider field in eliminating Uruguay, Mexico, France, Argentina, Portugal and West Germany.

Then in the quarter-final, functional England survived a rugged match against talented, ill-tempered Argentina, whose captain was sent off and whose coach behaved disgracefully. Now, functional England have beaten enigmatic France in comparable circumstances. Ramsey was criticised for aban-

doning wingers. Uttley and the England manager, Geoff Cooke, keep their wings, though the ball hardly ever reaches them. To the dismay of uninitiated supporters in Paris, Rob Andrew at stand-off endlessly kicked ahead rather than let the ball run. Every kick was a tactical nail in France's coffin.

It will be little different today, I guess, in a game likely to be dominated by lineout play and the respective back-rows.

"It is not a pick-the-ball-up-and-run game," Uttley says. "Rugby has always been a game of territory and possession, and now the players understand so much more of the mechanics. With smothering 'drift' defence, backs only progress with someone's error by organising the opposition to achieve two against one. We can get the ball to Underwood on the wing, but mostly he'll have two men on him. We have to put the winger into

open space: taking a flat pass at pace."

All the semi-finalists this weekend — Australia less so, rugby union being a minor sport to them — are playing with massive nationalistic expectation from a public that will be swift to condemn and then flip to an alternative interest.

The players will live with today's result forever.

"The England team are playing for themselves," Uttley says. "They want to achieve as much as possible, to be remembered for being successful, not for being glorious failures. England's success over the past few years has created enormous interest, compared to my day. The man in the street wants success."

Had England opened the game in Paris, it would have invited disaster against such backs as Sella and Blanco, so Andrew kicked. The pressure on the French was

relentlessly maintained in the classic manner: lineouts and scrummages inside their 22-metre line. Uttley and Cooke hope and believe they have timed England's development correctly, that this will be a superior team to that of 18 months ago.

"That time," Uttley reflects, "we thought we could spread the ball about and still win, and ended up playing from our own ten-yard line."

Two years ago, it was said that Carling was too young to be captain, that the front row was running the game. Now, Uttley claims, there is corporate decision-making over the field and consensus on the field.

The strength of rugby, he insists, is that there is no room for the selfish: there have to be those willing to get down fast on the spilled ball, the old criteria of character and discipline still apply.

## England enter into unknown territory

By DAVID HANDS  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND and England tread unknown territory at Murrayfield today. "Proud Edward's army," so forthrightly dispatched on the last occasion, has been coming and going from this ground for nearly 70 years but never before in the semi-final of the World Cup. It is this, rather than a re-run of the 1990 grand-slam match, which is the focal point.

"We are looking at the competition not England," Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, said. "In the five nations' championship, the preparation can be different because you know the programme, you know the next opponent. Here, you look inward much more and I have tried to generate the idea that we are looking at ourselves and the development of what we want to do, regardless of who we are playing."

"You have to be happy with your own preparation and I'm very pleased with what we have achieved and the way we have achieved it. I'm also aware we need to find more to win, not just because it's England but because the semi-final demands a higher standard of play and consistency."

McGeechan does not accept that his team are favourites, despite home advantage, the cool disposal of potentially awkward opponents — Western Samoa — in the quarter-finals, and the knowledge of the result at Murrayfield in March 1990. Indeed, Scotland have not lost on their own ground since 1988 — a run of 13 matches. Before last weekend in Paris, it may have been



World Cup Semi-finals

Today  
England v Scotland (at Murrayfield, 2.30)

Tomorrow  
New Zealand v Australia (at Lansdowne Road, 2.30)

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so: after England had beaten France, the English rating may have gone up.

Will Carling, the England captain, made the point that not one of the four semi-finalists had yet found top gear in the tournament, although England may have gone close in beating the French. "We would dearly love to play in the final of the World Cup but we can't afford to even think about that," he said. "If we win, then it becomes more than a day-dream."

Today, it is possible we will see England play the ball through the hands more than in Paris. There are specific areas of the Scotland team that they will want to attack, just as, in the past, they have tried to blunt the effect of Pierre Berbizier and Serge Blanco — key figures in making the French tick.

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, made no bones about the influence of Gary



Evasive action: Will Carling, centre, weaves his way past Nigel Heslop, with tackle pad, right, during England training in Edinburgh yesterday

Armstrong and his back row. "Armstrong makes them bubble and their back row has caused us no end of trouble before," he said. "We must keep Gary on a tight rein and try to minimise penalty awards because goal-kicking will be crucial."

England may also set their flanks, or Carling, running at Craig Chalmers to see whether his appetite for the tackle has been diminished because of his recent injury. They will also see whether there is any profit in putting the ball behind Scott Hastings, who tends to come up so quickly in defence. All of which assumes possession in the first place and it is here that England must hope for a repetition of their lineout play of last weekend.

In 1990, it was the Scottish reading of England's lineup that paved the way for their 13-7 victory. "We are two years wiser, two years more battle-hardened as a side," Cooke said. English supporters will hope that also means two years better able to respond to the questions posed during the match and able to conjure the right answers.

"You develop certain things you do well," McGeechan observed. "Part of the challenge to other teams is to say:

"Make us change." In each game, each country will try to produce the conditions that suit them best." McGeechan is well aware that the switch from plan A to plan B has not been, historically, a strong England suit and his players will want to move England around and keep them on the run, mentally as well as physically.

This time, though, England have drawn positively on the negative experience of 1990. The motivation is strong and the discipline, as Paris showed, is good. They know how the Scots, broadly speaking, will play and, though they must discover as early as possible what Kerry Fitzgerald, the Australian referee, will permit, Murrayfield holds no hidden fears.

"Anyone who says the real final is being played in Dublin [involving the semi-final between Australia and New Zealand] is going only on the evidence of past form and the seedings, not the evidence of this competition," Cooke said.

The trifling amount of £250 might have secured you a ticket for Murrayfield on the black market yesterday but spare a copper or two for some sedatives. So close will be the game today, they may well be needed.

Scotland			England		
A G Hastings	15	Full back	J M Webb	15	
A G Hastings	14	Right wing	S J Halliday	14	
S Hastings	13	Centre	W D C Carling	13	
S R P Lineen	12	Centre	J G Guscott	12	
I Tuke	11	Left wing	R Underwood	11	
C M Chalmers	10	Stand-off	C R Andrew	10	
G Armstrong	9	Scrum half	R J Hill	9	
D M B Sole	1	Prop	J Leonard	1	
J Allan	2	Hooker	B C Moore	2	
A P Burnell	3	Prop	J A Probyn	3	
J Jeffrey	6	Flanker	M G Skinner	6	
C A Gray	4	Lock	P J Ackford	4	
G W Weir	5	Lock	W A Dooley	5	
F Calder	7	Flanker	P J Winterbottom	7	
D B White	8	No. 8	M C Teague	8	
Referee: K V J Fitzgerald (Aus.)					
REPLACEMENTS: 16 P W Dods (Glas), 17 A G Smith (Edinburgh), 18 G H Oliver (Hawick), 19 G Marshall (Glasgow), 20 A G J Watt (Glasgow High Kelso), 21 K S Milne (Glasgow)			REPLACEMENTS: 16 N J Hastings (Oval), 17 D Peters (Northampton), 18 C D Morris (Oval), 19 D Richards (Leicester), 20 C J O'Neil (Northampton), 21 P A G Penderell (Leicester)		
□ England have won 51 of the 107 matches, Scotland 39 and there have been 17 draws. Scotland have won 13 home matches in succession. Their last defeat at Murrayfield was by the Australians in 1988. England have won there only once since their 1980 grand slam.					

## Debut for Crowley in Dublin

By PETER BILLS

NEW Zealand yesterday were forced to make one late alteration, the inclusion of the full back, Kieran Crowley, for their side to meet Australia in tomorrow's semi-final in Dublin.

Crowley, summoned from New Zealand to join the squad last weekend after injuries to the first choice full back, Terry Wright, and his deputy, Shane Philpott, was selected after Wright broke down at a training session yesterday morning. The locks, Gary Whetton (heavy cold) and Ian Jones (slight thigh strain), reported fit.

But John Hart, assistant coach, did not see Crowley as a weak link. "Kieran is a big match player and seeing him there will provide the guys with added confidence. In some respects he might be sharper and fresher than the others because he has not been involved in the campaign all the way through."

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## Hendry regains his familiar authority

By PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry received a vote of confidence from snooker's leading coach during his emphatic 5-1 quarter-final victory over Terry Griffiths in the Rothmans grand prix at the Hexagon Theatre, Reading, yesterday.

"Stephen has the best cue action in snooker without a doubt," said Frank Callan, who was recently appointed coach to the Cue Masters stable of players. Having watched Hendry compile breaks of 40, 42, 94, 81 and 63 against Griffiths, it was difficult to argue.

Hendry, the defending champion, has now beaten Griffiths on all 12 occasions they have met. "Obviously if

you get a few wins over someone there is a psychological advantage," said Hendry. "I've got tremendous respect for Terry as a player though. That's why I play well against him."

In yielding only two frames to the opposition in his last three matches, Hendry believes he has struck a level of form not attained since he captured the Asian Open, Dubai Classic and UK Open titles during October and November last year.

Nigel Bond also reached the semi-finals when he beat Joe Johnson 5-3 after a match of the highest quality.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: N Bond (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 5-1.

## British hopes end as appeal is dismissed

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN failed yesterday in their attempt to persuade the European Athletic Association (EAA) that they should be the rightful holders of the European Cup for men. An appeal claiming that a Soviet Union athlete had infringed the rules was dismissed, confirming the Soviets as champions and Britain as runners-up.

"I am very disappointed, mainly for the team who put in such a magnificent effort in Frankfurt," Les Jones, the British team manager who put their case to the EAA in Estoril, said. "We have to accept the verdict — but it is sad that we should lose our

title as champions on a technicality."

It seems an extraordinary decision. Dmitri Golovastov clearly ran out of his lane in the 4 x 400 metres relay, which should have cost him the trophy, contested in Frankfurt in June. At the time, the jury of appeal reinstated the quartet, returning the seven points it had lost with the track referee's disqualification and, since that was the last event of the competition, it left Britain defeated by three-and-a-half points.

□ The French organisers of the six-nations indoor athletics meeting here in Paris next February have decided not to invite Great Britain this year.

## Chelsea pull out from £1.5m James deal

CHELSEA have decided not to go ahead with the £1.5 million deal they agreed with Watford a week ago for the transfer of David James, the England Under-21 goalkeeper (Denis Signy writes).

Ian Porterfield, the Chelsea manager, yesterday contacted Steve Perryman, his Watford counterpart, to say that Chelsea were no longer interested. Porterfield said: "We only want players who want to play for Chelsea."

Liverpool, have offered £900,000 for James. But Eddie Phumley, the Watford's chief executive, yesterday said: "Liverpool have not met our fee." Chelsea said they were withdrawing because Porterfield and Ken Bates, their chairman, were not allowed

the opportunity to meet James although they had agreed a fee with Watford. They alleged that Andy Pagnan, Chelsea's representative, told them "David is going to Liverpool" and said that only a meeting between himself and Chelsea's financiers was necessary to discuss terms.

Bruce Rioch, the Millwall manager, is to have further talks with Liam Brady, the Celtic manager, about the transfer of Alan McLeary, the former England under-21 defender. Rioch rejected a £400,000 bid by Celtic earlier this week.

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